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developments in the private sector did not harm the health service.

Her present powers to regulate the conduct of private nursing homes were limited, she added, and their adequacy would have to be reviewed, given the role the wholly private sector might play once the phasing out had been completed.

The government had decided to consider extending her powers of licensing to enable her and the secretaries of state for Scotland and Wales to regulate more closely the operation, extent and development of the private sector. They would have *to guard against undesirable* commercial or advertising practices.

She was prepared to consult with the private sector about the new licensing system; it was intended that it should cover all present nursing homes as well as any new ones or changes of use of old ones.

MPs were assured that the medical profession and health service staff would be consulted about the best way to carry out her programme. She would be having discussions with the profession to urge doctors to introduce common waiting lists for their paying and non-paying patients.

She hoped that state hospitals would continue to treat overseas patients, although there must be no queue-jumping. Any fees would go to the hospital service and not to the consultants; the level of charges would be reviewed. Realistic charges would be made for services provided to the private sector, although it was not proposed to charge for blood.

Meanwhile, she added, while the phasing out was continuing she intended to reduce the number of private beds in areas where they were underused. That would be started at once and she expected the result to be a reduction in England of a tenth, or about 500 authorized beds.

Mrs Castle emphasized that the system of amenity beds by which a patient, for a small fee, could get extra privacy while receiving health service treatment, would be extended. The facility would be given greater publicity.

From the Tory front bench Mr Fowler said that the number of private beds in hospitals amounted to about one per cent of the total. That was the tiny target Mrs Castle was seeking to destroy and on which she was spending so much time and energy.

Some specialists would reconsider their future in this country, he said, not because they wanted to go but because *they were being forced out.* Most of the people who used private beds were not the rich but those who were insured under medical insurance schemes.

BMA reaction: Commenting on Mrs Castle's statement last night, Dr Derek Stevenson, secretary of the British Medical Association, said that it removed any justification for wildcat trade union interference (Our Medical Reporter writes).

The association would want to know much more about Mrs Castle's intention to review licensing arrangements for private hospitals. If Parliament legislated, the BMA would urge the Government to facilitate the provision of alternatives which would be needed to ensure that the public could continue to enjoy its right of choice.

Dr Stevenson said that the BMA regretted that, despite the profession's reasoned advice, the Government intended to pursue its policy of eliminating private beds from the health service, particularly as that would involve the taxpayer in making good a considerable loss of revenue.

As far as doctors are concerned, the main point about government policy on private beds is the timing of the phasing out. They want it to be done over three years.

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The Queen pauses to look at a Hongkong vegetable stall during her visit yesterday. Report, page 16.

New rulers in Saigon order envoy changes

Singapore, May 5.—The new Government in South Vietnam today ordered the immediate closure of all overseas missions set up by the previous regime and indicated that new envoys would be sent out soon.

North Vietnam also ordered a campaign to increase production, urging workers to "double *their efforts" to help South* Vietnam. The move was seen by observers as the first of a series of measures towards the eventual unification of the two Vietnams.

The directives from Saigon and Hanoi were reported by the Vietcong's Giai Phong radio, monitored here.

Meanwhile, the processing of the thousands of refugees evacuated from South Vietnam by sea *continues today in widely-*scattered reception centres. Some 40,000 are in Guam and thousands more were flown there today from the Philippines where they were brought by the American evacuation flotilla.

Bruce Palling writes from Bangkok: Thailand today announced a reduction of United States servicemen from 27,000 to just under 20,000 by the end of June. American military sources say there are now only *25,000 here, so the actual num-*ber affected will be little more than 5,000. No mention was made of how many of the 350 American military aircraft would be withdrawn.

The civilian Government has pledged a total American military withdrawal by next March, but observers consider that the shaky coalition itself is not expected to survive for so long. The Thai armed forces are *extremely reluctant to see the* Americans withdraw totally.

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Bill to allow more releases on bail

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

A Bill to give suitable people more chance of obtaining bail is to be introduced as soon as Parliament can find time for it, either this session or next. It is expected to embody a statutory presumption in favour of bail for an unconvicted person when he is remanded or committed for trial.

A new offence would be created of absconding while on bail, with the possibility of a prison sentence in serious cases. The change is intended to encourage courts to grant bail more often.

The present system, in which a person undertakes to enter into a recognizance, is regarded as ineffectual. The surety system would be retained, but sureties would not be required as a matter of course.

The Home Office working party on bail, whose report was published a year ago, gave two grounds to justify retention of the system for appropriate cases.

The first was that if a person of substance was prepared to stake his money on the likelihood of the defendant's appearance, that provided some corroboration of his reliability. The second was that the obligation a defendant felt towards the person standing surety and the knowledge that he would forfeit it was a deterrent against absconding.

Under the proposed changes, a magistrates' court would always have to give reasons for refusing bail. They would be passed on to the judge in chambers or crown court in case the person applied there for bail.

For courts to be able to grant bail, they must have sufficient information about the person before them. The Bill is expected to endorse the principle proposed by the working party that interviewing should be done by court staff.

Although the provision of bail hostels, to house people without other accommodation and so increase their chances of obtaining bail, got off to a slow start, three are now open, as well as the original scheme run by the Salvation Army. Three more bail hostels are expected to open this year.

The broad intention of the Bill, which is expected to follow closely the working party's *recommendations,* is that the number of persons remanded in custody should be kept to the minimum compatible with justice.

Minister wants big council rent rises

Substantial increases in council house rents are expected next year, Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, told local authority associations yesterday. The Government expects the rises to do significantly more than merely keep pace with inflation. Although the new policy will be highly unpopular with many Labour-*controlled councils* and will bring accusations that the Conservative "fair rents" scheme is being introduced in another form, ministers feel that heavy pressure is needed to stem the drain on the Exchequer from rent subsidies. Pressure will be exerted by means of the rate support grant, which will depend on the extent to which each council complies with Government policy.

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Christian Democrats real losers in W German elections

The Christian Democrats, who are in opposition in the West German Bundestag, emerge as the main losers in the *Land* parliamentary elections in North Rhine-Westphalia and Saarland, in spite of small gains across the board. Their platform of law-and-order and economic security seems to have attracted little support. The main beneficiaries of returning public confidence in Herr Schmidt's coalition were the liberal Free Democrats.

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New Stonehouse report to MPs

A second report on the parliamentary position of Mr John Stonehouse, the runaway MP, is to be published today by the all-party Commons select committee appointed to consider his case. This time it is expected to make a positive recommendation on what to do

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End of charge to the sewerless

About 900,000 ratepayers in England and Wales will not have to pay sewerage charges in future, a High Court judge ruled yesterday. Mr Justice Phillips held that sewerage charges demanded where premises were not connected to public *sewers were illegal.*

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Aerospace Bill under fire

Vickers and the General Electric Co, joint owners of the British Aircraft Corporation, came out *strongly yesterday against the* Government's plans for state control of the aerospace industry. In a joint statement Vickers, whose chairman is Lord Robens, and GEC, whose managing director is Sir Arnold Weinstock, described the nationalization Bill published last week as "doctrinaire and damaging".

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Blackout threat by power men to support wages claim

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

After conceding pay rises of up to 36 per cent to manual workers in the electricity supply industry, the Government is facing the prospect of one-day strikes by power station engineers angered because their differentials have been eroded.

The national executive of the Electrical Power Engineers' Association will be recommended today by its negotiators to ballot the union's 28,000 members for authority to call strikes in the wake of the breakdown of negotiations with the Electricity Council on a claim for pay rises of a third.

The recommendation is almost certain to be endorsed and in the ensuing ballot, to be conducted by the Electoral Reform Society, the engineers are likely to repeat the nine-to-one majority in favour of supporting their executive given in a similar ballot a few years ago, albeit on a less militant programme of industrial action. Under the union's rules, a majority of three fifths of those balloted is necessary for a strike to be in order.

Matters have come to a head because the engineers feel that an agreement made six months ago to increase their pay by an average of a tenth to restore differentials eroded in the past five years has been breached by the Electricity Council.

They argue that the employers committed themselves to maintaining their differentials over the manual workers, who received 31 per cent on basic rates last month by threatening a strike of power station workers.

If they do strike, their action will cause immense disruption to electricity supplies, because the engineers run the power stations and are responsible for the national grid.

They are highly qualified men earning up to £8,000 a year whose work cannot be performed by manual workers or by the management.

Mr John Lyons, general secretary of the *association, said* last night: "What we are concerned about is the integrity of an agreement made last year which established new pay relationships after a long period of steady decline and erosion. The Electricity Council's present offer amounts to a repudiation of that agreement to restore and maintain differentials."

The offer is of rises of 20 per cent to 31 per cent, but fewer than 100 engineers would benefit from the highest increase, and the average, according to union estimates, is just over 21 per cent, a figure consistent with the wage restraint guidelines of the social contract.

The association's leadership says that the Government must be deliberately choosing a confrontation over its claim, because the union's general secretary had given a public warning at the TUC Congress last year that when differentials were restored the power engineers would not allow them to be eroded again.

Mr Lyons said that the Government's embarrassment over big rises was of its own making. "Their decision on the Boyle report not to implement the proposals on pay for chairmen of nationalized industries has had a serious effect in depressing pay at the top of industry, specifically the pay of engineers in electricity supply.

"One of the Electricity Council's problems is the enormous squeezing of differentials at the top which would result from conceding our claims."

20,000 more jobs must go, steel chief says

The British Steel Corporation yesterday officially revealed that it is now losing £2.5m a week and wants to shed an additional 20,000 workers in an attempt to remain profitable.

The redundancies, first hinted in a controversial statement two weeks ago by Sir Monty Finniston, the chairman, and confirmed by him in a letter to Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for *Industry,* yesterday will be in addition to the 40,000 jobs to disappear under the BSC long-term strategy proposals currently suspended while being reviewed by the Government.

In the letter Sir Monty said that the precise extent of the reduced manning and the timing for it were uncertain because consultations with the unions were still under way.

"We are acutely conscious of the human and social problems involved, but the corporation looks to the Government of the day to support us constantly in the essential strategy of continuing the work of producing a modern steel industry—for on this depends in the years to come the jobs and wealth of those in the industry and of the many more in the industries downstream of us."

BSC's plan is to increase output at its low-cost general steel plant at Scunthorpe and strip mill plants at Port Talbot and Llanwern, with the general steel plants in Scotland being supplied with their ingots from Ravenscraig. The effect of this will be to trim between 7,500 and 10,000 jobs in the general steels division and 9,000 to 10,000 jobs in the strip mill division.

In the general steel division the Clyde Iron Works, the Clydebridge and Lanarkshire open hearth plants and the Clydebridge slabbing mill would close. Iron and steel making at Shelton would stop and production would be reduced at East Moors, Teesside and Workington. In the strip mill division the iron and steelmaking facilities at Ebbw Vale would close.

The proposal is that the redundancies should take place during the current BSC financial year. In addition other measures to save an estimated £90m a year are to be put into effect by the management.

Sir Monty and Mr Bob Scholey, the BSC chief executive, yesterday put the plans for the new redundancies before the TUC steel committee. The committee, not unexpectedly, rejected the proposals completely, but the fact that it took the trade union representatives more than six hours to do so is seen by BSC officials as an indication that the union side appreciates the position within the corporation.

Mr Bill Sirs, the general secretary-elect of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, the largest union involved, said that the union representatives would be reporting back to their executives and would meet the BSC team again on May 19.

"The situation is very serious", he said. "We shall be recommending that these proposals are not accepted.

"We shall put forward alternative, constructive proposals that should avoid mass redundancies."

Mr Sirs said that the trade union committee had also rejected a new request from BSC for a suspension of the guaranteed weekly wage agreement in the industry. "We said that this was *not on", said Mr Sirs. The first* such request was rejected a month ago.

The management representatives had outlined in detail to the trade union committee the financial position within BSC and made it clear that despite falling demand for the corporation's products — apart from tubes and certain types of special steels— the Price Commission would soon be asked to sanction new, substantial price increases to the consumer.

The BSC board expected the recession in the industry to continue until well into the next financial year and that costs would rise by more than £800m this year.

Sir Monty was present for the first part of yesterday's meeting, when, in addition to outlining the initial redundancy proposals, he is understood to have told the trade union committee *of his detailed reply to the letter* he had been given by Mr Benn a week ago in which he had been asked to give his views on such issues as redundancy.

Mr Benn is also understood to have discussed this subject when the trade union committee met him after its meeting with BSC, and it is felt within the industry that this matter will develop into a full-scale public debate on the running of the Corporation.

The TUC committee, after it had discussed with Mr Benn the BSC proposals, went from his office to the House of Commons to meet informally with MPs from steelmaking constituencies.

Mr Benn, the members of the committee said, had been sympathetic and they had told him that in their committee's view the corporation's proposals at this stage were completely unacceptable.

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NUR rejects railways 'inability to pay' as valid reason for refusing claim

By Raymond Perman
Labour Staff

Railwaymen yesterday demanded a generous interpretation of the social contract equal to that already given to miners, postmen, electricity power workers and civil servants and gave warning that there could be industrial action if they were refused.

Mr Sidney Weighell, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, said: "It needs to be stated unequivocally that my union does not accept that the British Railways Board's 'ability to pay' is a valid reason for denying railwaymen adequate basic rates of pay."

He was speaking to the Railway Staffs National Tribunal, which began its hearing yesterday into the claim for an increase of at least 30 per cent.

Mr Weighell said the social contract guidelines, in some cases accepted by ministers, permitted increases of that level.

He added that some settlements above the level of price rises had involved prominent members of the TUC General Council, the body responsible *for agreeing the social contract.* He named Mr Lawrence Daly and Mr Joseph Gormley, of the miners, Mr Tom Jackson of the Post Office workers, Mr Frank Chapple of the electricity workers, Mr Hugh Scanlon of the engineers and Mr Jack Jones of the transport workers.

The unions are not bound to accept the findings of the *tribunal, which is expected to* conclude its hearings on Friday and reach a verdict quickly. British Rail, which argued that the social contract had not been repudiated by the Government or TUC and quoted the pay restraint guidelines in its evidence, has offered 21.2 per cent increases, in line with the cost of living rise since April, 1974.

Mr Weighell said that messages reaching his union headquarters *from members* made clear that acceptance of the offer would provoke grass roots revolt.

"There is no way in which the union could sell a 21.2 per cent pay settlement, or any other settlement in that area, to railwaymen at the present time."

Mr Ray Buckton, general secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (Aslef), rejected the view that workers in the railway industry should subsidize it. "The days are gone when staff were prepared to work in an industry and look upon it as a service to the community; now they expect to be paid the proper rate, and rightly so."

Mr Herbert Farrimond, the *British Railways Board member* for industrial relations, said there was no point in pretending that any combination of higher fares, a smaller railway system or cutting staff could pay, in the short time available, for the union claims.

The board, he said, recognized its obligation to maintain its employees' standard of living, and the offer was designed to do that, but it had statutory obligations and could not ignore its financial crisis.

Losses in 1974 were more than £97m, compared to £4m a year earlier. This year the board had asked the Government for £340m to subsidize expected losses on passenger services, thus exceeding by £40m the annual ceiling put on such support by the 1974 Railway Act.

A loss of between £40m and £60m was forecast on freight and parcels services. The only way to meet the resultant cash flow crisis was by borrowing.

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HOME NEWS

Government aims for big increases in council house rents

By John Young
Planning Reporter

The Government is looking for substantial increases in council rents next year, Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, told the local authority associations yesterday. It would expect the rises to be very much larger than this year and do significantly more than merely keep pace with inflation.

Ministers are clearly aware that the new policy will be highly unpopular with many Labour-controlled councils and will bring accusations that the Government is reintroducing the Conservative "fair rents" scheme in another form. But they feel that heavy pressure is needed to stem the drain on Exchequer resources from rent subsidies.

Department statistics show that in 1968 rents accounted for 74 per cent of local authorities' housing revenue. This year their contribution has dropped to 55 per cent and the growing volume of subsidies is swallowing up money which could go to meet other housing needs.

The iron hand will be exercized by means of the rate-support grant, which will depend in each case on the extent to which a council is prepared to comply with Government policy. Some councils may attempt to shift the burden on to the rates, but it is hoped that they will be few.

With the spectre of Clay Cross in the background, ministers are emphasizing that there is no question of reverting to the Housing Finance Act, 1972. There will be no rent scrutiny boards.

Mr Crosland also told the associations that he proposed to reallocate £100m from local authorities' provision for home loans to finance the acquisition and rehabilitation of privately owned property.

Some £40m will be spent on "municipalization" and the other £60m on improvements, which will partially compensate for the drastic cuts in the programme imposed last March. Municipalization last year cost some £180m and the Government wants to see roughly the same expenditure this year.

He said he realized that the cuts were causing severe difficulties and the decision to reduce councils' lending powers was simply a question of priorities. He pointed out that Government expenditure on housing had risen in the last two years from some £2,500m to £3,500m and therefore any talk of sacrificing the Labour Party's priorities was absurd.

Mr Crosland is to meet the building societies next Thursday to discuss ways in which they might meet the shortfall in local authority lending. A study group is also to be set up under the chairmanship of Mr Freeson, Minister for Housing and Construction, to work out future housing priorities.

Whitehall confusion over housing balks councils

By John Young

Stonefield Street, Islington, Pearman Street, Lambeth, and Frithwood Avenue, Hillingdon, are as different from each other as any three London streets could be. But each in its way illustrates the present housing crisis.

Stonefield Street lies in that swathe of Georgian north London which, after years of decline, in the last 15 years has experienced a middle-class invasion. Concerned that "gentrification" was driving long-time residents from their homes, Islington council began buying properties more or less whenever and wherever it could.

Houses in Stonefield Street cost it some £15,000 each, and modernization and conversion will eventually add £35,000 a house. Last January the council told the Government that it wanted to spend £19m on rehabilitation this year.

But such expenditure requires government authorization and, to the council's dismay, Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, would permit only £8m.

Mrs Margaret Watson, Islington's housing chairman, complained that the council would be able to begin rehabilitating only about a third of the 1,000 proposed for this year and was in danger of becoming the borough's biggest slum landlord.

The paradox is that no restrictions have been placed on demolition and redevelopment schemes. Pearman Street, for example, is a quiet backwater in the hinterland of Waterloo. Its Victorian architecture is undistinguished and it is derelict at one end. But several houses, painted in pastel shades, look charming.

It houses a lively community of more than 20 national origins, virtually all of whom want to stay. Yet Lambeth council, with a compulsory purchase order on the houses, is, in the words of a community leader, "relentlessly pursuing" its plans to demolish them in a wholesale redevelopment project.

At a public inquiry into the purchase order in March counsel for the borough stated that there was no legal obligation for the council to state satisfactorily that its resources were sufficient. "The question of cost is irrelevant to this inquiry, and the district valuer's report must be confidential" he added.

No 17 Frithwood Avenue, a large, handsome twentieth-century house in a leafy suburb on the outer fringe of the metropolis, was acquired recently for £123,500 by Hillingdon council, which wanted to demolish it and replace it with 10 garages

After protests the council changed its plans for the site to include four three-bedroom houses, a maisonette, three garages and five parking spaces.

Residents suspect a political plan to redevelop the area for municipal housing at a "wholly inappropriate" density. At all events, the scheme appears to run directly counter to the Government's stipulation that sound houses should not be demolished, and that local authorities should not devote scarce resources to providing garages.

Limitation on Land Bill

By Our Planning Reporter

It was not the Government's intention to make the Community Land Bill apply to every minor development in the country, Mr John Silkin, Minister for Planning and Local Government, said yesterday. That assurance came towards the end of a speech at the annual luncheon of the British Property Federation, and caused a flurry of speculation about what exactly the minister meant by "minor".

It appears that in the case of certain small housebuilding projects, particularly on "infill" sites, the Government may be prepared to waive the duty of local authorities to acquire the land in the name of the "community". The same may apply to small extensions to industrial buildings.

The criterion is likely to be whether the market value of the land would materially increase if it was offered for sale with planning permission, thereby creating a profit which should accrue to the community. But ministers feel that to write any exemptions into the Bill would be to create possible loopholes.

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Medical schools abandon quotas, London Transport takes on women drivers, even Oxford is giving w

Sex discrimination seems in retreat, but women are not convinced

David Leigh, in his second article about sex discrimination, considers the present pattern of discrimination in Britain.

Every few months, for many years, British Rail has patiently explained to those who ask why there are no women train drivers as in Russia, that none ever applies. But throughout the entire spectrum of jobs and services, sex discrimination is giving the impression of melting like snow in the path of the imminent legislation against it.

Women have hitherto been allowed to work as postmen only when no men were available. They have no seniority rights and are liable to dismissal if men want their jobs. The Union of Post Office Workers is expected to accept proposals at its conference this month to give women full rights, in return for carrying the same weight of letters as men. There are 1,460 full-time and another 7,699 part-time women postal workers, out of a workforce of 100,000.

In medical schools, the quota arrangements for admitting women, long regarded as a device for preferring to train potentially longer-serving men doctors, have been abandoned. Last year, of 3,276 first-year pre-clinical students admitted, 34 per cent were women. Further, the proportion of successful women applicants was higher than that of women's applications. Whether that will remain the case when more women start to apply is another matter: a Department of Education and Science investigation in 1973 showed many schools believed women applicants stood a poor chance.

Oxford University is already crumbling as a bastion of male privilege. About a quarter of its eight thousand undergraduates are women and the university hopes that the Bill's exemptions for single-sex colleges and "transitional" colleges will allow the five coeducational colleges to carry on with their "gentleman's agreement" to increase women's admissions gently from a base of about 100 set so as not to poach talent from the five exclusively women's colleges.

Trade unions have accepted the prospect of the Bill blandly, and some battles have already been won. London Transport employs 11 women bus drivers, and there are women bricklayers. But the penetration of women into traditionally masculine jobs threatened by technology is bound to be slow.

There are, for example, not only no women train drivers, a job which demands a seven to ten year climb up through grades derived from the days of steam, but also no women guards. The reasons given are awkward shift work and the need to do heavy work.

Personnel officers throughout industry are going to have to examine such job patterns, frequently irrational in the first place, to see if they will weather scrutiny by the planned Equal Opportunities Commission. If the commission's proposed staff of 400 is energetic employers will find themselves having to justify, for example, promoting people only with a set length of continuous service, or employing only people who can lift particular weights.

Police forces will be unable to confine women to a separate force; they will have to extend their role, where it does not already exist, into jobs such as detection, dog-handling and traffic.

The National Association of Schoolmasters already is to amalgamate with the Union of Women Teachers (that led to the general secretary of the UWT's resigning in protest, to set up a splinter union). "Men only" bars in public houses will have to close their doors; television rental companies will have to stop asking for male guarantors; those building societies and insurance companies which give women worse mortgage facilities than men will have to stop; licensing justices will not be able to refuse women public house licences on that ground alone; male midwives will be allowed, without statutory right criminated again will be allowed t the course of o

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Teachers' 26 pc claim goes to arbitration

By a Staff Reporter

A 26 per cent pay claim on behalf of 460,000 teachers in England and Wales is to go to arbitration. That was agreed by both sides at a meeting of the Burnham pay negotiating committee in London yesterday, after talks on the claim ended in deadlock.

The teachers' panel originally claimed 20 per cent, but raised that by 6 per cent on the basis of comparability with the recent Civil Service pay award.

Mr Douglas McAvoy, deputy general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said that yesterday's talks broke down on the issue of comparability, which the management panel had said it was not prepared to consider.

The management side said that its offer, costing £170m would adhere to the social contract by keeping teachers' salaries level with an increase in the cost of living of just over 21 per cent.

The unions said the offer was worth only about 15½ per cent. They say their 26 per cent claim would cost between £240m and £250m, but management estimates it at £275m.

Mr McAvoy said he hoped the arbitrators would reach a decision by the end of June. The award will be backdated to April 1.

Dons plan protest: Strikes and rallies are to be held today at many universities in a day of action called by the Association of University Teachers to protest against the Government's attitude to university pay.

There were signs last night of a softening in the Government's hard line, however. Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, announced that he expects to meet the universities' side of the negotiating committee later this week, when arbitration may be considered.

Mr L. Sapper, the association's general secretary, said yesterday that almost all universities would be affected by today's action, either for all or part of the day. He said the walkout, involving staff from the highest professors to junior lecturers and research assistants, would be unprecedented.

It arose from the fact that since October, 1973, university teachers had received a rise of only 7 per cent, and threshold increases. Negotiations over a rise to date from next October have broken down.

Dons outraged, page 14



Good start for new paper: The front page of the Scottish Daily News, which was published for the first time yesterday. All 300,000 copies were sold and demand greatly exceeded supply. The workers' co-operative publishing the newspaper on the former Beaverbrook presses in Glasgow said: "We expected the first day to be good, but has been tremendous. The appetite for the paper is obviously stronger than we anticipated." Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher and co-chairman of the works council which runs the paper, said in Edinburgh that the newspaper could have sold a million copies.

Tories harden line on Ulster

By Our Political Editor

The Conservative Shadow Cabinet, in the aftermath of the Northern Ireland Convention elections, will oppose the Labour Government's policy of releasing detainees. That does not mean there has been a hardening of the Conservative leaders' opinion against the Government's general handling of the Northern Ireland situation and the bipartisan policy was said last night to be as acceptable as ever.

But there need be no doubt that leading Conservatives are convinced that an indefinite period of direct rule of Northern Ireland from Westminster now lies ahead; and Mr Whitelaw, the former Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, has let it be known that he supports the attitude adopted by Mr Airey Neave, who now leads for the Opposition on Irish affairs.

Conservatives continue to respect Mr Rees, the Secretary of State, but they feel that his failure to create the right conditions for a Convention, for all his good intentions, raises a question about his future usefulness.

Mr Rees's attempt to escape from open-ended military involvement in the settlement of Ulster is considered to have petered out and by implication there must therefore be a readiness to return, if need be, to the post-election realities of life in Northern Ireland.

Nevertheless, Mr Neave and the Shadow Cabinet accept that there must be a continuance of the effort by Westminster to establish a durable peace in Northern Ireland, although there is markedly less faith now in the concept of power-sharing.

First meeting: The first meeting of Ulster's Constitutional Convention is expected to be held on Thursday (Stewart Tendler writes from Belfast). The 78 members will then begin their work on the future of the province by choosing a committee to discuss rules and procedure for the debates.

The timing of the first meeting was decided yesterday at a conference of the party leaders with Sir Robert Lowry, the Convention's chairman, in the Parliament building at Stormont.

Mr William Craig, the Rev Ian Paisley, and Mr Harry West, the three "loyalist" coalition leaders, sat at yesterday's meeting alongside Mr Gerard Fitt, of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, Mr Brian Faulkner, of the Unionist Party of Northern Ireland, and Mr Oliver Napier, of the Alliance Party.

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Postal ballot success for moderates

By Our Labour Staff

By a narrow majority, moderates in the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers defeated an attempt by left-wingers to abandon the system of postal balloting for the election of full-time officers and revert to the former procedure of voting at branch meetings.

The union's rules revision conference, meeting in Blackpool, voted by 27 to 25 yesterday against an amendment to the existing rule. Left-wingers argued that the postal ballot, while it increased participation, opened elections to outside influences, particularly the press.

They quoted the present election for the vacant post of general secretary in which the right-wing candidate, Mr John Boyd, has been given strong endorsement in many newspapers. Particular columnists named included Bernard Levin of *The Times* and Woodrow Wyatt of the *Sunday Mirror*.

Right-wingers argued that the increase in participation over the old branch voting system amply justified the increased expense of postal balloting.

The AUEW is the one big union to make extensive use of postal ballots for electing its full-time officers, including the executive, general secretary and president. The system was adopted in 1972 by a majority of one in the rules revision committee.

Correction

The *Justice of the Peace*, from which comments were quoted in a news agency report published yesterday about the law of soliciting, was wrongly described as "the magazine of the Magistrates' Association".

Conference to discuss Benn plan

Continued from page 1

That quick repudiation of the scheme came after there had been hostile reactions in the City and from the managers of pension funds. When it was discussed by the home policy committee of the party last night, it was reported that Mr Benn had agreed to an important amendment.

In this he sought to give an assurance that money from pension funds would be invested in a manner approved by the Occupational Pensions Board according to provisions in the Social Security Pensions Bill, now before Parliament, so that the resources of any fund or insurance institution would be available to meet liabilities

The document, nevertheless, was critically examined last night by the home affairs committee and there was no desire to endorse it without wider consultations. On the suggestion of Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, who was strongly supported by Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, it was agreed that there should be a full day's conference to discuss the details.

Representatives of the TUC, experts in insurance and pensions, academics, the industrial policy subcommittee and members of the national executive will attend.

The move, which could result in further modifications, will have the backing of Mr Wilson, who will no doubt attend. Mr Benn's plan to divert institutional funds is a follow-up to his pre-Budget statement that industrial development needs to be doubled to £6,000m a year to combat the contraction of manufacturing industry.

The document states:
Insurance and pension companies should be required to channel minimum proportions of their new funds as loans to the National Enterprise Board or other public enterprises; as loans or new equity in large companies to finance investment approved under planning agreements; or through a fund to finance manufacturing investment by small and medium-sized companies.

Apparently Mr Benn had modified the original statement by adding that the proportion to be reinvested would be "agreed". He then added a new section stating:
There would clearly have to be assurance to policyholders over the financial security of funds channelled to industry in this way, which takes account of the minimum standards laid down in Labour's new pensions Bill.

The statement continued:
The only long-term guarantee of the real value of pensions resides in the prosperity of the economy as a whole, and from this standpoint a high and stable level of investment is essential to the security of pension funds.
Half of the cost of the industrial programme might be found from institutional sources. The other half, to be financed from taxation or planned reallocation of public expenditure, would then impose a budgetary cost rising over a five-10-year period by only £200m-£300m a year.

£48,500 for man who cannot take a joke

Mr Harold Brooks, aged 22, a clock repairer, of Gunnislake, Cornwall, received £48,500 agreed damages in the High Court yesterday for road crash injuries that were said to have taken all the fun out of his life.

Announcing the award, Mr Esyr Lewis, QC, his counsel, told Mr Justice Willis that he suffered multiple injuries and brain damage in the accident in 1969 which had changed his personality. "He cannot take a joke and, because of this, finds other people make fun of him", counsel said.

The award was against Mr Alan Spice, of Crockenhill, Swanley, Kent, with whose van Mr Brooks's motor cycle was in collision.

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'Tribune' group to oppose defence expenditure

By Our Political Staff

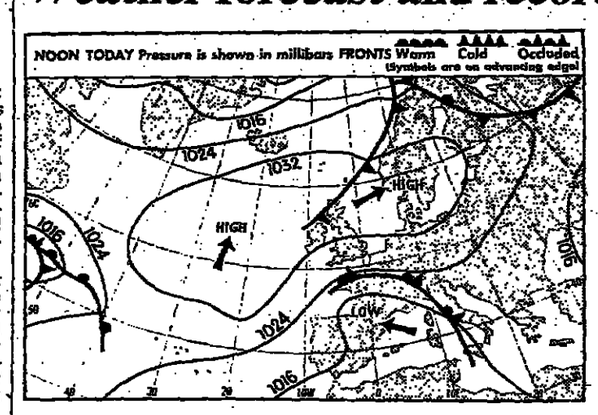
Tribune group Labour MPs decided last night to press an amendment to the Government's motion approving the defence estimates which is being debated in the Commons today and tomorrow.

Tabled in the names of Mr Robin Cook (Edinburgh, Central), Mr Stanley Newens (Harlow), Miss Josephine Richardson (Barking, Barking), and Mr Frank Allaun (Salford, East), the amendment opposes the estimates on the ground "that in the present critical economic circumstances the Government proposes an increase in arms expenditure in real terms over future years".

They say that the Statement on the estimates commits Britain for the next 10 years to spend a higher proportion of the gross national product on defence than any of our main European allies; fails to propose big reductions in important weapon projects; and still leaves Britain with unjustifiable commitments east of Suez.

The *Tribune* group will meet again when it is known if the amendment is to be called by the Speaker. If it is, they will have the chance to show their disagreement with the Government's decision on the level of spending without risking defeating the Government.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 5.25 am Sun sets: 8.31 pm
Moon rises: 3.13 am Moon sets: 3.36 pm
New Moon: May 11.
Lighting up: 9.1 pm to 4.53 am.
High water: London Bridge, 11.16 am, 6.1m (20.1ft); 11.39 pm, 6.1m (19.9ft). Avonmouth, 4.10 am, 10.0m (32.7ft); 4.45 pm, 10.2m (33.4ft). Dover, 8.36 am, 5.3m (17.4ft); 8.58 pm, 5.5m (17.9ft). Hull, 3.24 am, 5.6m (18.3ft); 3.27 pm, 5.8m (18.9ft). Liverpool, 8.45 am, 7.5m (24.7ft); 9.23 pm, 7.6m (24.8ft).

Pressure is expected to remain high over N Britain and low over W Europe.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, E and Central N England, Midlands: Dry, cloudy early then sunny spells, clear evening; wind NE, moderate or fresh; max temp 12°C (54°F).
SE, SW, Central S England, Channel Islands: Cloudy early and again later, sunny spells, perhaps rain in evening; wind NE, fresh or strong; max temp 12°C (54°F).
NW England, Wales: Dry, long sunny spells; wind NE, moderate; max temp 15°C (59°F).
Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, E. SW Scotland, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: Dry, long sunny spells; wind variable, light; max temp 13°C (57°F).
Moray Firth, Caithness, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Mostly dry, rather cloudy, occasional drizzle in places; wind variable or SW, light; max temp 11°C (52°F).
Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Mainly dry with sunny periods in many areas but rather cloudy with rain at times in S; temp near normal in N but rather cold in S.
Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind NE, strong or gale; sea rough or very rough.
St George's Channel: Wind NE, fresh; sea moderate.
Irish Sea: Wind variable, light; sea smooth.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

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Athens	f	29	84	Edinburgh	s	10	50	Luxembourg	r	14	57
Barcelona	s	25	77	Florence	s	19	66	Madrid	s	17	63
Belfast	r	12	54	Funchal	s	20	68	Majorca	s	24	75
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Bristol	r	16	61	Innsbruck	c	22	72	Moscow	f	19	66
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Letter 'asked soldiers to stand aside in Scotland'

A letter to British soldiers asking them to stand aside in a fight for "Free Scotland" was read at the trial at the High Court in Glasgow yesterday of seven men accused of plotting to further the purposes of the secret Scottish Army of the Provisional Government. The document, it was stated, said: "We have no alternative but to fight with physical force."

The seven men are alleged to have planned to break into defence establishments at Chatham, Sandhurst, Catterick, Rosyth, and Garelochhead. It is alleged that they wanted to disrupt power supplies in Scotland by destroying dams and power stations and intended to blow up employment exchanges. They are also accused of an £8,000 bank robbery.

The letter, read by Det Constable Ian Henderson, who said he found it at the home of one of the accused, was addressed to all serving soldiers. It was signed Saor Alba, Gaelic for Free Scotland.

It said: "By now most of you will have served in Northern Ireland. You will have suffered all the indignities of the military force in occupation of a civilian population. Do you like it? No.

"Well, be prepared to do the same in Glasgow, Birmingham, Dundee and Edinburgh and other industrial centres of the United Kingdom. The English bosses have made a complete muck-up of the whole situation and have made the ordinary man in the streets pay for their mistake. We will strike to free ourselves from the type of persons who have been ruling us from London for so long and other boot-lickers."

The letter also said: "The Labour Party and other parties of the Left have failed to fight for Scotland. We have no alternative but to fight with physical force. We ask you to stand aside. Pass this leaflet on to other men."

The accused are: Alistair Smith, aged 25, of Colgrain Street, Ruchill; William Murray, aged 43, of Earl Street, Scotstoun, both Glasgow; Frederick Boothby, of Broughton Strathclyde; Tony Tumilla, of no fixed address; William Anderson, aged 35, of Springhill Crescent, Aberdeen; William Bell, of Greig Street, Inverness; and John Carlyle, aged 35, of Albert Road, Govanhill, Glasgow.

The trial continues today.

Tory women say own conference is still needed

By Penny Symon
Political Staff

Conservative women yesterday defended their decision to hold a separate conference, in spite of suggestions that it could be considered an anachronism in International Women's Year.

Lady Young, vice-chairman of the party, said that in spite of women's liberation, it was still useful for female members of the party to get together for wide-ranging discussions. "The party must reflect the whole spectrum of society and we think it important that women should meet to talk about the things that concern them."

The conference, on May 20 and 21, at Central Hall, Westminster, will debate a motion that it is of vital national interest that Britain should remain a member of the European Community, and will then move to a motion calling on the Conservative Party to instigate and support measures for the conservation of natural resources.

On the second day local government, and in particular the rate burden, will be discussed.

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Mrs Losinska, aged 50, an executive officer in the office of Population Census and Surveys in London, who identified herself with the policies espoused by Mr Prentice and Mr Callaghan, said: "If we could recover four or five seats on the executive we could get back to where we were two years ago, with a healthy balance".

The struggle between left and right will also be reflected tomorrow, when the conference will debate the appointment of the assistant general secretary and the editor of the association's journal, *Red Tape*.

The conference yesterday approved overwhelmingly the Civil Service pay settlement achieved last month which provides for average rises of 32 per cent over a 15-month period. It endorsed the method of determining wages used by the Government's pay research unit, based on comparability with equivalent posts in the private sector, and the new system of annual pay increases.

Mr William Kendall, the association's general secretary, acknowledged that the settlement, which represented an average increase of 26 per cent calculated on an annual basis, was outside the terms of the social contract and an acute embarrassment to the Government.

"If the interpretation of the contract means simply and crudely wage restraint for civil servants without reference to movements of pay elsewhere, then this settlement is not within spitting distance of its terms, and I make no apology for that", he said.

Mr Lever appealed to the association to end the bitterness and division which had scarred the past year. "We can not afford much longer the fratricidal strife that menaces our ability to do our jobs. Not for much longer can we afford quarrels arising from political doctrines, boring and meaningless to the overwhelming majority of the members."

Yesterday's election results were: president, Mrs K. Losinska 93,543, Mr Walter Adamson 82,600, Mr Aylred O'Shagar 19,839; vice-presidents, (two posts), Mr Len Lever 122,318, Mr Charles Bullock 77,517, Mr William Rashley 66,328, Mr Walter Adamson 60,148.

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famous remark evan that com- associate with tic parties ex- oy them, Mr : "That battle much today as we have got to be counted to e aims of the movement are and the work is not wasted." was clearly re- luctant to go farther on the platform, the electricians' president told me afterwards that he had in mind two courses of action for moderate trade unionists: a demand for postal ballots, which the EETPU already has, and a rank and file revolt against unrepresentative left-wing policies.

"Ordinary trade unionists must speak their minds about what they feel the trade union movement should be doing, and not allow professional agitators to decide policies for them. And when they feel that they are being wrongly led, they should revolt against their leaders.

"Unless members of unions themselves recognize that it is in their hands, and that they can effectively do something, subversion is inevitable. They must express their views through the shops stewards movement and at the work place."

"If they feel their union has wrong policies, they must take steps at their place of work and within their union organization to denounce those policies."

Earlier, in his presidential speech, Mr Breakell recalled that he stood as a moderate trade union candidate for the Labour Party National Executive at last year's party conference, but the block vote of left-wing unions went instead to the seamen's leader Mr Samuel McGluskie, although the National Union of Seamen had only 25,000 members affiliated to the party, while the electricians had 350,000.

He was applauded when he called on the union to give more support to the Government. "We have a Labour Government that is not getting all the assistance it is entitled to expect, having done so much in such a short time. It has kept its side of the bargain on pensions and legislation, but people who ought to know better are knocking it."

Some of the Government's critics on the TUC General Council had shown a lack of judgment recently by inviting Mr Shelepin to Britain and creating a public uproar to no avail, because their Soviet visitor had been sacked as soon as he got back home. Rather than creating all that "brouhaha", the unions ought to be throwing their weight behind the Labour Government, he said.

£500,000 in grants for historic buildings

By Philip Howard

The Department of the Environment is making new grants of more than £500,000 to repair and conserve 98 historic buildings and areas of Britain's architectural past.

It has granted £7,000 to repair the roof and walls of Britain's original co-operative shop at Toad Lane, Rochdale. The Rochdale Co-operative Pioneers' Society opened their seminal shop, from which the whole co-operative movement grew, in 1833.

The National Trust has been offered £27,000 for another historic piece of the Industrial Revolution, Quarry Bank Mill, at Styal, Cheshire, which is being converted into a museum of the cotton industry. The mill was erected in 1784 by the Unitarian Greg family, who built a model village for their workers. The mill, of red brick, is long and irregular, but sits neatly on the bank of the Bollin river, a memorial of the days when cotton was king of British industry.

Other buildings recommended by the Historic Buildings Council for government aid with their repairs include: Warden Abbey, near Biggleswade in Bedfordshire, the impressive brick and stone fragment of a medieval Cistercian foundation; and Eagle House, Mitcham, Surrey, a rare and substantial house in the later seventeenth-century Anglo-Dutch style, favoured by a few rich City merchants

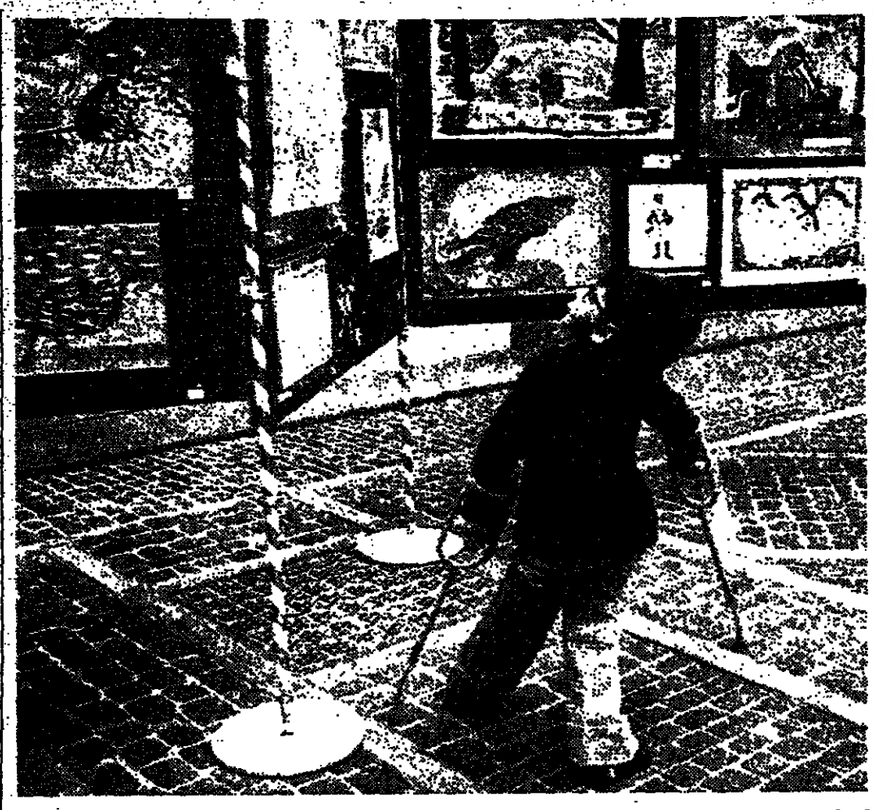
Conservation grants have been awarded to 25 areas under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1972. They include:

North Parade Buildings, Bath; St Mark's Church, Bath; the ancient monuments of the Quay Walls at Berwick-upon-Tweed; St Michael's Church Heritage Centre, Chester; the Wensum Project, Norwich; and Peasholme House, John Carr's splendid Georgian house in York.

Since 1953, when the Historic Buildings Council was established, 2,334 buildings have received more than £10.5m in grants. Since the provisions of section 10 of the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Act, 1972 came into effect, 99 conservation grants have been made.

Policeman cleared

William Nixon, aged 41, a Cumbria policeman, of Harrison Street, Carlisle, was acquitted at Carlisle Crown Court yesterday of 12 charges of theft and false accounting. He denied stealing more than £114 in fines money and failing to record fines in his receipt book.



Children's art: A boy viewing paintings at the Invalid Children's Aid Association exhibition which opened yesterday at the Royal Exchange, London. More than 400 works are on display and all are by sick or handicapped children, many of whom have used their feet, mouth or head to hold brushes and pencils. Lorraine Redfearn, aged 14, of Meldreth Manor school, Hertfordshire, received a special prize from Mr Richard Baker, the newscaster, for her painting, "Jack in a Box". She has athetoid cerebral palsy and paints with a brush strapped to her forehead.

Help refused to man who later stabbed women

Ronald Andrew Cobbett, aged 38, who was said to have stabbed three women, killing one of them, had told a senior social worker at a clinic the day before the attack that he felt he was going to do something terrible and wanted to be kept in, it was stated at Sheffield Crown Court yesterday. His request was refused.

Mr Cobbett, of Raven Road, Sheffield, denied murdering Mrs Helen Grace Wright, aged 44, of Cemetery Road, Sheffield, and the prosecution accepted his plea of guilty to manslaughter because of diminished responsibility. He also pleaded guilty to attempting to murder Miss Sheila Potter, aged 18, of Ryle Road, and Miss Jacqueline Brook, aged 24, who was staying in Kenwood Park Road, both Sheffield. He was sent to Broadmoor.

Mr Peter Taylor, QC, for the Crown, said Miss Potter was stabbed in the right shoulder in the street. Then Mrs Wright was stabbed in the chest. Mr Cobbett walked on and stabbed Miss Brook in the arm.

Mr Justice Brabin said Mr Cobbett had gone to Whiteley Wood Clinic, in Sheffield, the day before the attacks and said he was at the end of his tether and wanted to go back in. "He asked to be admitted to hospital. He knows himself he is suffering from this mental disability", he said.

"He is finding himself in a position which frightens him and he sees a social worker. What has it to do with a social worker whether he is admitted or not? I hope somebody will look into this matter", he said.

Mr Gilbert Gray, QC, for the defence, said: "The social worker has said she was bound by confidentiality. Bureaucracy seems to be closing its ranks in its protection."

Boy kept in adult jail may be moved to school

Officials of Suffolk social services department were making arrangements yesterday to transfer the boy detained in Norwich prison to a community school.

The boy, aged 15, appeared before magistrates in Ipswich on Saturday, charged with stealing a bicycle and obtaining £1 by deception. He was remanded to Norwich prison until tomorrow because the court was told there was no suitable local authority home for him.

After a meeting between social service officials in Ipswich yesterday, it was announced that arrangements were being made to accommodate him on a more permanent basis at Kerrison community school.

A spokesman for the department said the boy was being kept in a special juvenile wing at Norwich prison.

Phasing-out delay by schools to be curbed

By Neville Hodgkinson

The Government intends to keep a close watch on direct-grant schools to prevent them from prolonging unduly the phasing-out process before their abolition, which is to begin in September next year.

Some of the 174 schools affected might have hoped to retain their present status until the return of a Conservative government. The Tories are pledged to restore and extend the direct-grant system in such a way that no future government could abolish it without legislation.

In letters to school governors setting out details of the abolition procedure, the Department of Education and Science says the position of schools that opt to join the maintained system will be reviewed on January 1 every year.

If the Secretary of State is not satisfied with their progress, their grants will begin to be phased out from the start of the next school year.

Grants will not be payable in respect of pupils admitted from August 1 next year unless the governors have satisfied the Secretary of State that they intend to become part of the maintained system. The deadline for the declaration of intent is the end of this year.

Schools that refuse to join the state system will have to become independent, and will lose government grants in respect of pupils starting from September, 1976. Grants will be paid for pupils at the school before that date, until they leave.

Local authorities will retain the power to pay for pupils to attend independent schools, but the fees will become progressively higher as government grants are ended.

Jail sentences cut by 5 years

Two London men who were jailed for killing Mr James Pope-Hennessy, the biographer, each won a five-year cut in his sentence in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

John James O'Brien, aged 25, a train guard, of Heathfield Park, Cricklewood, jailed for 17 years at the Central Criminal Court on July 11 last, had his sentence reduced to 12 years. Terence Michael James Patrick Noonan, aged 27, unemployed, of Tisdall Place, Walworth, London, now has to serve 10 years instead of 15.



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Possibility of nerve fibre grafts seen in new brain research

By Pearce Wright
Science Correspondent

Grafting of nerve fibres to treat paralysis of the spine caused by accident, or for repairing the brain and other parts of the central nervous system in which damage has been considered irreversible hitherto, is now a long-term possibility, Dr G. Raisman said yesterday at the National Institute for Medical Research.

If nerve pathways between the brain and cells in other parts of the body are severed in an accident, there are natural repair mechanisms that try to reestablish connexions. Work with laboratory vanimals has indicated that those attempts end in abnormal links being made if left to their own processes.

But preliminary research has shown that grafts from an animal's own tissues can be made to reestablish a pathway.

That work has advanced sufficiently for the scientists to realize that complicated rules exist about which nerve cells and fibres can be linked together, and part of the present work is aimed at finding the ones that are compatible.

So far successful links have been made in connecting nerve cells of the neck to the central nervous system and with implanting material in a brain.

Describing work started at a new brain research laboratory, Dr Raisman outlined research opening understanding into the factors of brain development, particularly at the early stage from just before birth to two and a half years.

He said that in looking at how early in life events can be imprinted on the brain, evidence was accumulating of the way and the time at which abnormalities occurred. He suggested that children brought up in emotionally deprived environments could suffer irreversible physical damage as certainly as that to those children suffering damage by malnutrition.

Interference with the intrinsic mechanisms of the brain appeared to create different connexions from those considered to make a normal female brain or a normal male one. Sexual attitudes and deviations were set in those first two and a half years and were unchangable.

Laboratory experiments showed that the formation and release of eggs from the ovary was directly controlled by the pituitary gland, which was itself controlled by a small area of the brain known as the hypothalamus. Triggering of ovulation occurred only in the mature adult female, but the appearance of that response in animals at puberty depended on a correct hormonal balance being maintained during a critical period of early development, equivalent to the two and a half years in the human.

Increase of a third in property stolen

By Clive Borrell

Thieves study the markets and go for what is in short supply, Mr Alistair MacKenzie, chairman of the crime prevention panel of the British Insurance Association, said in London yesterday.

Consignments of meat, sugar and even paper bags were among the prime targets of some gangs of thieves, who last year stole £30.9m, an increase of 34 per cent on the value of property stolen in 1973.

"With higher prices and the rise in inflation, food as a commodity is proving increasingly attractive to thieves. Television sets and radios are still attractive, but so also last year was sugar in hundredweight sacks and paper bags", Mr MacKenzie said. He added that thefts from private homes had leapt from £9.5m to £13.6m an increase of 43 per cent, in 12 months.

Mr Aonghais Macdonald, chairman of the British Insurance Association, said that insurance premiums might have to be increased unless householders took extra care.

He said that in household losses, so much could be avoided if simple, inexpensive precautions were taken. The insurance industry and the police were constantly striving to impress on householders that by exercising care and common sense it was not difficult to deter the small-time thief.



British Rail's prototype High Speed Train at Paddington yesterday after its first public run from Bristol. It will continue making two trips each way on weekdays at the normal Inter-City maximum speed of 100 mph, instead of its possible speed of 125 mph, for the time being.

'PC stopped Soviet Embassy fight'

A London policeman stopped a fight at the consular department of the Russian Embassy when nine Ukrainians occupied it, it was said at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

The Ukrainians had gone to the embassy to protest against the alleged torture and murder of Valentyn Morraz, a Ukrainian author, it was added.

Mr Michael Hill, for the prosecution, said the Crown had not brought the prosecution because of the political views held by the nine accused. They were free to express their political beliefs, but by occupying premises belonging to a foreign power they had *broken the law.*

The nine Ukrainians all denied conspiring together between May 1 and 14 last year to trespass on property of the USSR by unlawfully invading and occupying offices of the Embassy's consular department in Kensington Palace Gardens.

They were: John Senkw, aged 20, a welder, of Homemead Avenue, Leicester; Peter Malcykyj, aged 27, a draughtsman, of Wyredale Road, Scunthorpe; Todor Cozubovski, aged 50, a welder, of Market Lane, Lower Penn, Wolverhampton; George Fedeczko aged 20, a student, of Hainworth Wood Road, Keighley, West Yorkshire; Mykola Kuzyk, aged 53, a steel tube inspector, of Park Road West, Wolverhampton.

Orest Koropisz, aged 23, an industrial engineer, of Nelstrop Road, Heaton Chapel, Stockport; Peter Madytsch, aged 23, a machine operator, of Peak Street, Stockport; Stepan Dmytryk, aged 48 a labourer, of Avenue Road, Rushden, Northants; and Mychajlo Tatarczuk, aged 41, a painter, of Alvaston Street, Derby.

Mr Hill said the Ukrainians decided to occupy peacefully for 24 hours the waiting room in the consular department of the embassy, a building separate from the embassy itself, in Kensington Palace Gardens.

Mr Hill said that on May 13 Police Constable Roy Baker was summoned into the consular office by a man called Tolstoy, a security official who was now back in Russia.

PC Baker found the ground floor reception area of the consular office barricaded. The "invaders" were hammering nails into the door surrounds and wire was used to prevent the doors from being opened.

The security man, Tolstoy, and another of the staff had got into the waiting area with an iron bar. PC Baker went after them. He climbed in the window and found there was a fight going on involving Tolstoy and the second official and a number of the Ukrainians.

Mr Hill added: "PC Baker stepped into the middle and shouted, 'I am a police officer, stop it'—and they did."

Attempt to change rape law

Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, South, said yesterday that he had drawn up a private member's Bill to amend the law on rape. He will seek leave to introduce it in the Commons on May 21.

The aim of the Bill is to remove the defence of a man accused of rape that he believed the woman consented, unless the court finds that he has reasonable grounds for believing so.

Mr Ashley said yesterday: "This will change the remarkable ruling by the Law Lords that a man could not be guilty of rape if he believed the woman consented. Unless this ruling is changed, men accused of rape will have an additional defence."

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Net gain of £35m from European funds

By Our Political Staff

According to the latest figures compiled by the Treasury, the United Kingdom was a net beneficiary from European Community funds of £35m in 1974-75, Mr Barnett, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, told the Commons yesterday.

In the White Paper, *Public Expenditure to 1978-79*, it was estimated that there would be a net contribution from the United Kingdom of £35m.

The Treasury has also revised its figures for 1975-76 and now estimates that the United Kingdom's net contribution to the EEC budget will be substantially lower than the £130m shown in the White Paper estimate.

The main cause of the change of about £70m in the United Kingdom's favour in 1974-75 was an increase in receipts from the common agricultural policy guarantee fund in beef, sugar and monetary compensatory payments. The United Kingdom's gross contribution to the budget in 1974-75 was also about £5m less than expected, and there were some small offsetting changes.

The United Kingdom receipts in 1974 were £232m, made up of £20m from the social fund; £21m from own resources collection costs: £189m from CAP and £2m miscellaneous. United Kingdom gross contributions were £197m.

Propaganda 'new every month'

The pro-Europeans change their propaganda line from month to month, Mr Ian Mikardo, Labour MP for Tower Hamlets, Bethnal Green and Bow, said last night. In March they said we should stay in because "it was good for us", but in April they said we ought to stay in "because we will be worse off outside it". In May they said we should stay in "because the Russians want us out".

Mr Whitlam says Britain must stay in the Community

From David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent
Kingston, Jamaica, May 5

Mr Gough Whitlam, the Australian Prime Minister, has come out with a ringing declaration in favour of Britain staying in the EEC.

"I do not relish the thought that Britain might relapse into the position of Spain, looking to a mighty empire in the past and a peripheral influence for the future", he told a news conference at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' meeting in Kingston.

Mr Whitlam said he had repeatedly rejected attempts by anti-EEC members of the British Labour Party, such as Mr Shore, to persuade the Australian Government to declare itself against British membership.

Such people seemed to think that the social democratic governments in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Singapore should somehow rally to the call of getting Britain out. None of them had responded, Mr Whitlam said. There had been no suggestions that Britain should leave the Community.

"There have been several statements that it would be to the advantage of the members for Britain to remain", Mr Whitlam said. "Several tributes have been paid to the way the Wilson Government succeeded in renegotiating the terms to the advantage of Commonwealth countries."

All this makes very pleasant listening to Mr Wilson even if, for reasons of political tact, Commonwealth support for British membership is not written into the final communiqué of the conference.

It seems probable that apart from the sheer pleasure of being away from home and all his nagging economic difficulties for a few days, he feels relieved by the decision of the national executive of the Labour Party last week not to campaign against the Government in the referendum.

Peter Shore interview, page 14

Mr Thorpe attacks tactics of dissenting ministers

By Our Political Staff

The five leading anti-EEC ministers would be against the Community whatever the terms, and it would have been more honest to have said so at the outset rather than wait until the negotiations were concluded before "knifing" their Cabinet colleagues, Mr Thorpe, the Liberal leader, said last night.

Mr Thorpe told a Britain in Europe rally in Newham, east London, that the British public was in imminent danger of being bored and frustrated by the so-called great debate on Europe. For the past month it had been harangued by the extreme left and the hysterical right with the view that the British way of life was collapsing around our ears.

"But does anyone seriously think that the essential British way of life has been drastically altered by our association with the Common Market? Of course they don't."

Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said at the same rally that an economic divorce between Britain and the EEC would have a disastrous effect and our economic position would become very much worse.

"There would be a total collapse of business confidence and much less investment in new plant and machinery, and this would mean more unemployment", he said.

Mr Whitelaw, deputy leader of the Conservative Party, said in London last night that the anti-Europeans had not been frank with the British people, and on two trading questions in particular they spoke with discordant voices.

He challenged them to answer two questions. "First, can they justify the disruption of leaving the Common Market with proof of viable alternative trading agreements? Second, which countries would the anti-Marketeers really like to trade with, or are they content to maintain the existing pattern of Britain's world trade?"

Mr Neil Marten, Conservative MP for Banbury and chairman of the National Referendum Campaign, said at Annerley, south-east London, that the continuing and hysterical chants by certain leading politicians that a "No" vote meant handing their country over to the communists was reaching the proportions of McCarthyism.

Jobs statements upset Danes

Copenhagen, May 5

Denmark's Confederation of Employers today objected to statements in Britain that Denmark is the "horrible example" of what EEC membership can do to increase unemployment. A spokesman said the misconception was due to statistics.

The Danish unemployment rate of about 12 per cent was the rate among union members covered by union unemployment benefits, or about 900,000 of the total working population of 2,400,000.

Warning on jobs

Mr Robert Carr, Conservative MP for Sutton, Carshalton, last night said that leaving the Community would mean fewer jobs and a lower standard of living.

Drive in t North for a 'yes' vo

From John Chartres
Manchester

The Britain in Europe paign in the Greater Ma ter area, where more 2,500,000 people live, opened yesterday. Le figures from all three political parties shared platform at Manchester.

A news conference addressed by Mr Lever, C cellor of the Duchy of La ter, Mr John Davies, MP Knutsford and formerly m ter with special responsib for European affairs in Heath's administration, and Cyril Smith, Liberal MP Rochdale and one of party's spokesmen on in trial affairs.

A *preliminary programm* 18 cross-party public meet in parliamentary constitue has been drawn up by Greater Manchester commit

The campaign is regarde crucial because 24 of the Labour MPs who voted favour of leaving the EEC the Commons come from stituencies in the North-w There are, however, 16 EEC Mps in the Greater M chester area.

Mr Smith said that some had been blaming the C munity for the short-time w ing and redundancies in Lancashire textile indus caused by foreign competiti Yet every textile employer had been in touch with belie it was in the best interests the industry to stay in.

Firms resist 'isolation from Europe'

From Arthur Osman
Birmingham

Any idea that the West Midlands, as Britain's biggest industrial region, enjoys an inbuilt immunity from the rigours of serious unemployment has been sharply dispelled this year, thus providing a potent factor in the area's attitude to the referendum.

Unemployment in the region is again increasing at a faster rate than in the rest of Britain, and in the stark view of one employer, whose opinions are shared by many others, "isolation from the EEC would halve our export trade and have a disastrous effect on jobs".

As the country's largest manufacturing area, the West Midlands is vulnerable to any loss of European markets. British Leyland, for example, accounts in the West Midlands for over 10 per cent of male manufacturing employment directly, and a much larger proportion indirectly. Most of its exports go to EEC countries.

Before and since Britain's entry into the Community many manufacturers invested heavily in developing products to meet European demands. That investment has begun to bring its rewards, often quadrupling sales. To cut it off as it gains in momentum is seen as catastrophic to the region and to Britain as a whole.

This is being spelt out by employers who are determined that the unions should not gain all the advantages of their possibly more intimate relationships with the workers.

Many Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry members have no doubts on the EEC issue. Of a sample survey of its 4,000 member firms, 96 per cent say Britain should stay in the Community because that membership primarily means more business.

There is a widespread feeling that industry will have to work hard to benefit from the Community. Many employers are willing to accept the challenge and believe that by accepting its European role Britain will be helping industry to solve its economic difficulties.

Jobs warning: When considering the EEC referendum, workers on the factory floor were concerned about their jobs "much more than any dogmatic reasons that may be put forward by union leaders", Mr Heath said in Birmingham yesterday. "It is the responsibility of management to show them where the truth is and that jobs will be lost if we pull out", the former Opposition leader added.

Mr Heath gave a warning against complacency in the next month in the light of opinion polls forecasting a "yes" vote in the referendum.

Mr Heath boarded a hired narrow boat named Europe and broke a bottle of champagne at the bow to send it on a week's tour of Midland canals under the auspices of the Young Europeans Afloat movement. It will be berthed at Nuneaton, Coventry, Warwick and Stratford on Avon later this week, fitted out as an exhibition centre.

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The provisional final official results of the two Land elections, announced this morning, are as follows (1970 results in brackets):

North Rhine-Westphalia: Christian Democrats, 47.1 per cent (46.3), 95 seats (95); Social Democrats, 45.1 per cent (46.1), 91 seats (94); Free Democrats, 6.7 per cent (5.5), 14 seats (11); others, 1.1 per cent (2.1), none (0).

Saarland: Christian Democrats, 49.1 per cent (47.8), 25 seats (27); Social Democrats, 41.8 per cent (40.8), 22 seats (23); Free Democrats, 7.4 per cent (4.4), 3 seats (0); others, 1.7 per cent (7.0), none (0).

These results are subject to confirmation later this month.

One year almost to the day after Herr Willy Brandt resigned as Chancellor over the discovery of an East German spy in his office, the Bonn coalition Government of Social Democrats (SPD) and Free Democrats (FDP), led by Herr *Schmidt, is firmly in the saddle*, with an even chance of winning the general election in 18 months' time. At present the main beneficiary of returning public confidence in the coalition is the liberal FDP.

But when the present round of *Land* elections began in March last year (yesterday's were the seventh and eighth), the SPD lost 10.2 per cent of its support in Hamburg. Thus a gain of 1 per cent in Saarland means unalloyed pleasure for Herr Schmidt and Herr Brandt.

None the less it was bold of the SPD to fight its campaign on the perhaps still premature slogan, "Choose the upswing". This referred to the evidence, rather slim until yesterday, that the party had stopped the erosion of its support in earlier *Land* elections, and at the same time to the economic improvement boldly promised for the summer by Herr Schmidt.

The voting patterns yesterday demonstrate once again the importance of the small FDP as the holder of the balance of power.

But the clearest message from the 10 million people who cast their votes yesterday is that there is very little milage to be gained electorally from prophesying imminent economic disaster or the destruction of the legal fabric of the state by terrorists. The CDU will have to absorb this lesson to win in 1976.

The extraordinary situation caused in Saarland yesterday is beginning to unfold in all its complexity. The CDU, on the one hand, and the SPD-FDP coalition on the other, each hold 25 seats.

The Saarland SPD leader today suggested an all-party coalition. Other possibilities include, theoretically, a CDU-FDP coalition (which would *amount to breach of promise by* the FDP), a CDU-SPD coalition (rejected by both already), and a new election, which all parties are reluctant to impose on the electorate.

What happens to Saarland's three seats in the Bonn Upper *House (the Bundesrat), which* represents the *Länder*, is equally unclear. Until yesterday, the CDU had a majority of one there. Now the Bundesrat could be deadlocked.

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The leadership of the West German Free Democratic Party at a meeting yesterday seems pleased with the election results in North Rhine-Westphalia and Saarland. From left are: Herr Victor *Kirst, a member of the Bundestag; Dr Hans Friderichs, Minister of Economics; Herr Harzld* Hofmann, party manager; Herr Günter Verheugen, a party aide; and Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Foreign Minister.

The Burgomaster son of a German military hero brings an unspectacular strategy to local victories

Herr Rommel prefers relaxed politics

From Richard Davy
Stuttgart, May 5

Military metaphors come easily to Herr Manfred Rommel. Or perhaps one notices them only because his father was Field Marshal Rommel, German hero of the Desert War.

"We here in the trenches see things differently from the general staff in Bonn", he said, describing his work as newly elected Burgomaster of Stuttgart. Then he quored Clausewitz on the need to relate plans to realities.

But if he had a different name, one would not even begin to associate him with a military background or military attitudes. He is a warm, relaxed, humorous Swabian. He is worried about his expanding waistline, limping painfully *from an attack of arthritis, and* pleasantly informal in his relations with people.

"I would be a catastrophe for the army", he told an interviewer recently. But he is far from being a catastrophe as Burgomaster of Stuttgart, a *large and difficult city in which* he is very much chief executive.

His election last year, with a majority of 58.9 per cent, was a considerable achievement. He ran as a Christian Democrat, although Stuttgart had been dominated by Social Democrats for 30 years.

People say that his name won for him. It certainly helped. His father was a multipurpose hero admired by different groups as a military technician, as a man who fought for Hitler, as one associated with the abortive assassination plot of 1944 who then took poison offered by Hitler ir order to protect his name and family.

But Manfred Rommel would probably have won his election even under a different name. *The Social Democrats* were foolish enough to put up a *rather aggressive young* architect who alienated older supporters of the party.

Moreover, the election coincided with a national swing in favour of the Christian Democrats; and Herr Rommel chose just the right moment to present himself as a practical, down-to-earth, budget conscious realist with a sound knowledge of local problems gained as State Secretary in the Finance Ministry of the Baden-Württemberg Government.

"Everyone kept asking me about my plans," he told me, "but I said I had only one plan, and that was to get rid of all those plans. People understand if you tell them that everything has to be paid for." With this line, he won 52 out of 56 districts, including some traditional working class strongholds of the Social Democrats.

But he is not a primitive conservative. He reads modern left-wing authors, as well as Marx and Hegel, who was born in Stuttgart ("Without him, we would not have had Marx, Lenin, Stalin or Mao," he says, *chuckling at Stuttgart's heavy* responsibility in world history).

He thinks Christian Democrats ought to be willing to debate with socialists "because we have better arguments". He criticizes the older generation for reacting so defensively and negatively when the young began questioning the materialist values of the federal republic in the 1960s.

I joined him for a trip to an outlying village in the commuter belt. A local official greeted him with a list of local problems. A woman came up to complain about a redevelopment plan. An elderly man said bitterly that his house was being compulsorily purchased for much too low a price.

A veteran campaigner waylaid him on the pavement to read a long handwritten statement about traffic problems, his words almost drowned, but his point emphasized, by the transcontinental juggernauts jostling through the narrow streets in competition with local cars and trams.

Then there were talks about future public transport plans illustrating the complex interdependence of the city, the provincial and federal authorities and the federal railways.

To all this, the burgomaster responded calmly and patiently, asking all the time: "But ...here is the money to come from?"

... is by nature a conciliator, not a fighter. He did not even announce his party affiliation on his election placards, only on his leaflets.

"I knew I would have to work with Social Democrats in office", he explains. Some of his party colleagues feel he should be more combative. The Bavarians across the border, accustomed to the verbal warfare of Herr Strauss, the Christian Social Union leader there, cannot understand him.

But his style seems to suit his place and time. The traditional aim of the Swabian is to own a small house, save money and, as a local saying goes, "sell the dog and bark yourself".

They do not want confrontations, grandiose reforms or rapid change. Nor does Herr Rommel, who reacts with every sign of genuine horror at suggestions that he might climb into federal politics one day and go to Bonn.

As we parted, I said I would try to return when his term was up in eight years and see how much he had managed to do. "Probably not much", he chuckled ruefully.

"You must understand", a local inhabitant told me later, "that such a line will probably get him reelected." That may not be great generalship, but it seems to work.

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nists and Socialists to seek the means of reinforcing their union and their common action."

It suggested as themes for discussion "the crisis of international capitalism, the construction of Europe, security, and the organization of peace." It added: "The Socialist Party wishes to develop common action, notably in firms, to give workers the means of defending their jobs and their purchasing power, and combating the effects of the crisis."

The decision was based on a report which said that while the Communists tried to project an image of themselves as the advance guard of the working class, and sole revolutionary party, they regarded the Socialists as "unchanged, reformist and social-democrats."

This was wrong, the report *went on, the Socialist Party was* of a new type. The Communists had not yet become used to the idea. The Socialists did not believe there was only one working class party; there were two, and neither should try to play a leading role.

The Communist Party was also undergoing change. It was faced with the hiatus between novel practices and set theories. The Socialists must try to help them with this change by engaging in debates on theory, and especially on the accession of the left to power.

M Mitterrand, in a much applauded speech, said that the alliance between the Socialists and Communists was a highly exceptional and novel development. This novelty explained the crisis between them which "could be described as the birth pangs of the Union of the Left".

M Roland Leroy, the secretary of the Politburo of the Communist Party, told reporters today that he was not hostile *to a "summit" meeting with* the Socialists. He added: "If such meetings have not taken place so far, the fault is not with the Communist Party."

Nine seek closer link with Lisbon by increasing aid

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, May 5

Foreign Ministers of the European Community agreed here today to seek closer ties with Portugal through increased industrial and financial aid in the hope of consolidating the development of Portuguese democracy after the recent elections.

According to Danish sources, the ministers decided at a restricted session to ask the European Commission to speed up work on proposals already in train for improving relations with Portugal in time for submission to the ministers before the end of July.

These sources said that the ministers agreed in principle to finance the establishment of *new industries in Portugal, to* provide technical assistance to small and medium size enterprises, to improve the treament of Portuguese workers in EEC countries, and to let Portu*guese goods more freely into* the Community.

Improvement of the free trade agreement which Portugal already enjoys with the EEC could in practice run into the same kind of obstacles raised by the Italians in the negotiation of *preferential trade agreements* with Israel, Morocco, Tunisia, and Algeria.

The ministers decided today to sign the agreement with Israel on May 14, and it will come into force on July 1. But the EEC will make a declaration at the same time deferring the implementation of trade concessions for Israel fruit juice exports unti Itay has received assurances of adequate protection for its own producers.

The foreign ministers today also discussed the themes for the next summit of European heads of government which is planned to take place in Brussels on July 16 and 17.

Tourists in search of lunch in Portugal

From Our Correspondent
Lisbon, May 5

Tourists on Portugal's sun-drenched beaches today were wondering where they could get something to eat. They were the victims of a strike of hotel and restaurant workers, who walked out for the lunch hours. Dinner will be served tonight, however.

If the workers' wage and benefit claims are not met, the strike will continue tomorrow in reverse order. Lunch will be served in hotels and restaurants, but dinner will not.

M Mitterrand calls off visit after Madrid arrests

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, May 5

Police today arrested 68 persons in connexion with a leftist demonstration in Madrid. The demonstration, involving about 400 people, took place last night.

Police claimed that some of the demonstrators were armed with petrol bombs, iron bars and bicycle chains.

It was learnt here today that M François Mitterrand, the first secretary of the French Socialist Party, has called off a proposed visit to Spain "in view of the present circumstances".

M Mitterrand had originally intended to confer with leaders of the illegal Spanish Socialist Workers' Party at the invitation of Spanish Socialists. Such a meeting, if it had taken place without police interference, would have implied tolerance of the party by the Franco regime.

It is believed that the May Day arrest of leading Spanish Socialists, as well as objections from some members of the party to the proposed visit, led M Mitterrand to change his mind.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF BUILDING TRADES EMPLOYERS

EGISLATION'S BIAS AGAINST PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

Extracts from the NFBTE's annual report to be presented at the annual meeting in London today:-

During the past year the amount and complexity of legislation affecting the operation of businesses has intensified. Your council regrets to have to reveal that this legislation, both actual and proposed, has a marked bias against employers and indeed against private enterprise itself. As the prosperity of the country – indeed its very survival – depends on private enterprise, the long-term prospects for the economy can be viewed only with alarm.

As members of an organisation of employers, NFBTE firms are accustomed to base their relationships with their employees on an organised industrial framework. Now the state is interfering excessively with overriding legislation which cannot be appropriate to the special conditions of every industry. At the same time much of this legislation appears to be aimed at weakening the authority of employers while giving the trade unions greater power without regard to their sense of responsibility.

This legislation includes the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, the Employment Protection Bill, the Industry Bill, the Community Land Bill, the Capital Transfer Tax and the proposed Wealth Tax.



Martin Grafton OBE, TD, DL, Director General, NFBTE

This catalogue of legislation, damaging to the survival of private enterprise in British industry and in the building industry in particular, shows that the NFBTE has a serious situation to face.

Some concessions will no doubt be obtained on matters of detail, but it is the duty of all industrial organisations, associations and firms alike, to show the electorate generally what effect the continued acceptance of the principles underlying this legislation will have upon their prospects of obtaining and keeping employment.

This is a difficult task, which cannot be achieved by trade associations alone, but which needs to be shared by every defender of private enterprise.

Economic Position: The Future:-

Looking ahead it is apparent that, unless and until the Government takes action to restore the confidence of private industrialists and businessmen, of which there is little sign at the moment, any revival in construction demand must depend upon an increase of public sector schemes.

This government, like the last, claims fully to understand the evils of "stop-go" as it affects construction. In the words of the Minister for Housing and Construction: "It is totally unrealistic to expect the industry to meet such changes without great strain".

These words, however, need to be translated into actions to bring any relief to the industry, and it must always be recognised that the government is rightly under great pressure to reduce, rather than to increase, total public expenditure in order to counter inflation.

The mounting expenditure of local authorities, as shown by the increased rates now being levied, is also under attack. Too often, unfortunately, authorities find it easier to abandon their building schemes than to reduce their inflated staffs or to eliminate the losses frequently incurred in building up their direct labour departments.

Mr. Roger Foster, OBE, FIOB (of Hitchin), NFBTE President, says, in a foreword to the annual report for 1974/75.

"For almost every reason, it has been the most depressing year that builders have had for a very, very long time.

We have had to fight on almost every front at the same time – and all the time.

There has been one bright spot, and that is on the industrial relations front where, with one or two isolated exceptions, there has been a continuing growth of goodwill between the two sides.

In consequence we were able to achieve a major wages settlement which should surely have been an example to others of commonsense, restraint and recognition of the parlous economic state of our country, and, incidentally, of the so-called 'social contract'.

Unfortunately, our example seems to have been disregarded by many others who, selfishly, do not seem to have their country, or their families and future, much at heart."



Roger Foster, OBE, FIOB (of Hitchin), NFBTE President.

OVERSEAS

Commonwealth premiers will hear how Washington proposes to restore trust in its commitments

From Fred Emery
Washington, May 5.

There is a concerted look this week to the post-Vietnam effort at bolstering Western *foreign policy*. Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, has *taken sombrely to giving long* dissertations in breakfast television *shows and President Ford* is to hold a televised news conference tomorrow.

This much is by design. Somewhat by accident in Vietnam terms, several Commonwealth Prime Ministers—Mr Wilson, Mr Rowling, Mr Whitlam and Mr Lee Kuan Yew—*are also* being received in mid-week succession by Mr Ford.

This past week President Ford has made known repeatedly his view that America remains strong and stands by its commitments. In the new circumstances this is wisely taken to mean treaty commitments rather than informal assurances.

Is there going to be much change in policy? Dr Kissinger's immediate answer is "no"—apart from the review of Middle East policy now nearing completion. But he made a cutting remark this morning to his critics.

He noted in a television appearance that they were all clamouring for wholesale worldwide reassessments of policies; yet their general cry was that the domino theory of the successive collapse of South-east Asian nations, was invalid. If so, he wondered why there was need for reassessment.

In superpower terms détente is to be pursued. There are problems with the strategic arms limitation negotiations, but the estimation of either Russian or Chinese willingness to test the United States in *other areas has cooled* from the feverish anxieties of only *three weeks ago.*

This morning Dr Kissinger was again slightly complimentary towards the Soviet efforts at "moderating" the worst consequences of the final American evacuation from Saigon. And there are repeated expressions of muffled gratitude towards Peking for not seeking to profit from the débacle in other places.

What worries the Administration far more is what is *called the "perception" of the* United States by other countries. *This is, oddly, Dr James* Schlesinger's term, not Dr *Kissinger's. The Secretary of* Defence, although highly credited as a "technical" *theorist* in defence terms, is much aroused by the political and popular assumptions of what things are, which is often different from the facts.

Thus in spite of the vast United States nuclear strength and its express commitments in *defence treaties*, will its word now be measured against what *happened to Saigon? A lot of* hard thinking is being done to *ensure that great weight* continues to be given to America's word, *particularly concerning* Europe, Japan and Korea.

There is sharp awareness that simple rallying cries at *Nato summits, and the like*, hardly set the blood racing. *some officials believe confi*dence cannot be restored with*out overcoming some new* crisis.

*With the arrival of Mr Whit*lam and Mr Rowling (Prime *Ministers respectively of Aus*tralia and New Zealand), and *Mr Lee Kuan Yew of Singa*pore, there will be an occasion *for the reassertion of transpa*cific ties. The first two coun*tries, of course*, have treaty commitments with the United *States in Anzus. Singapore* does not, but Mr Lee can be *counted upon to emphasize the* need for significant economic *aid to the region.*

What, in private, he would *doubtless like to ask is where* America is going to draw the *new line. He used to say the* United States should have *stood on the firmer ground of* Thailand rather than in the *morass of South Vietnam. But* with today's joint United States-Thai announcement in Bangkok, he has presumably shifted stance.

It is noted here that in announcing that more than a quarter of the 27,000 Americans stationed in Thailand will be withdrawn by the end of June, there was no mention of a complete pull-out. The Thai Government has requested this by the end of the year, but officials here expect some flexibility over the final details.

The intent here is to draw the line at what used to be called "blue water" diplomacy in the West Pacific—with *commitments up the coast from* Australia to the Philippines, *Taiwan (although softly) and* Japan.

Korea, while continental, is included, although it is the source of most concern at the moment. Marshal Kim Il Sung is seen as fully capable of trying to go it alone and casting off the presumed restraints of China and the Soviet Union. In the event of hostilities President Ford would have full authority to act under the War *Powers Act, and it would be* up to Congress to stop him if *it wished. It would be quite* different from the Vietnam situation, *at least on paper.*

But American concerns do not rest only with treaties. Indonesia is obviously a huge eastern interest. Sizeable American support will be forthcoming, at least in Administration requests.

Contrary to much that has been said, particularly by Administration leaders, most members of Congress are not out wreck foreign policy, but, under the Constitution, are seeking to restore proper control of it. They are seeking a constructive role for the United States, and if it is still somewhat inchoate then outsiders will have to be patient.

The presidential record in foreign policy is not all bad, when seen over the past 30 years, but it is the past ten years which went wrong and which count most in the minds of the new generation of Congressmen.

The lesson which Dr Kiss*inger as well as Congress must* take to heart has in fact been *well stated by the Secretary of* State: "Foreign policy must *be sustained over decades if it* is to be effective, and, if it *cannot be, then it has to be* tailored to what is sustain*able.*"

The cut is certainly going to be austere but it need not produce a bad garment.

Marshal Ky bitter over Thieu 'sell-out'

Agana, Guam, May 5.—Air Vice-Marshal Nguyen Cao Ky, the former Vice-President of South Vietnam, flew as a refugee to the United States today, blaming ex-President *Thieu for the loss of Saigon.*

He passed swiftly through this key Pacific staging point for the Vietnam evacuation before flying on to meet his wife in California, saying: "I am very poor." He thought he might work in America as a private pilot or taxi driver.

Marshal Ky met reporters at a construction camp where *some leading Vietnamese offi*cials have been housed. He had *been carried from Vietnam* aboard the United States aircraft carrier *Midway*, and hurried on through the American naval base at Subic Bay in the Philippines. The Filipino Government had threatened to arrest him.

On the future of South Vietnam he said: "I do not know what will happen. There will be a lot of massacres and people will go to concentration camps and be brainwashed. They will not have an easy life."

Dressed in a neat beige shirt and slacks and smoking a cigarette, Marshal Ky said he "cried as a little boy" when he realized, aboard the aircraft carrier, that he was an exile.

Referring to ex-President Thieu, Marshal Ky said he would take "physical action" if he ever met him in the street.

Asked who was to blame for the collapse of the South Vietnamese Government, he said: "Only Mr Thieu is to blame. Only Mr Thieu is at fault. . . . He sold out Vietnam, and he sold out the people."—Reuter and UPI.

Our Singapore Correspondent writes: Ten ships crowded with Vietnamese refugees reached Singapore today, bring the total anchored offshore to 35.

They have about 6,500 people on board, and reports from Malaysia indicate that more ships are on the way.

The Singapore Government has the ships in a kind of quarantine, but has sent provisions and medical teams aboard.

The Singapore Council of Social Services has voted £6,000 to help the refugees, and an appeal for contributions has been launched.

A Government spokesman said that the *question of Singa*pore admitting refugees had *not arisen. If it did, the decid*ing factors would be its limited capacity to absorb more people and the contributions individual refugees could make.

Peter Strafford writes from New York: A number of Americans in Saigon were able to make money from Vietnamese who wanted desperately to get out of the country, it has been reported here. They agreed to sign the papers that were needed for evacuation in *exchange for sums up to $3,000* (£1,270).

"One American bragged he had signed for some 46 Vietna*mese at $3,000 each and then* unrolled a tremendous wad of *money", said Mr Ronald* Olson, a retired Air Force *colonel who had tried unsuc*cessfully to evacuate some of *his own Vietnamese wife's rela*tions.

Reports of this sort have been fuelling the continuing controversy over the Vietnamese refugees now pouring into the United States. Many Americans are arguing that it was only the rich and well-placed who managed to get away, including many who played unsavoury roles in the political system in South Vietnam before the takeover. There is therefore no particular reason to help them, the argument goes.

*Certainly many of the refu*gees appear to be solidly mid*dle-class. The planeload which* arrived yesterday at Eglin Air *Force base in Florida included* a neurosurgeon, several university professors, a lawyer, a chemist, a few civil engineers, and some secretaries. The teenagers among them were fashionably dressed in thick-heeled shoes and wide bottomed trousers.

On the other hand, many of them now seem to be destitute, and will have to start a new life in a strange country. There *are plenty of Americans who* feel that they should be *helped, and the first of them* have already started to leave *the centres in California*, Arkansas and Florida where *they are being processed.*

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In spite of a mouthful of biscuit meant to make her smile, this little Vietnamese refugee howls as she is vaccinated by an American medical orderly in Tent City, Guam.

Israel Prime Minister to meet Mr Ford

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, May 5

Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Israel Prime Minister, has been invited to visit Washington for talks with President Ford on June 11 and 12.

A communiqué, issued simultaneously in Jerusalem and Washington today, said the talks would seek to strengthen further the friendly ties between the two countries, but gave no hint whether the visit would be an attempt to resume the American initiative for an interim agreement between Egypt and Israel or to discuss the prospects for the resumption of the Geneva peace conference.

The Rabin visit is welcomed in Jerusalem as a sign that the period of estrangement between America and Israel since the failure of Dr Henry Kissinger's peace mission is drawing to a close. For several weeks there have been recriminations from Washington over Israel's refusal to make additional concessions to Egypt in Sinai.

President Ford will be seeing President Sadat of Egypt in Salzburg, Austria, 10 days before he receives Mr Rabin in Washington, but officials here reject suggestions that Egypt is being given favoured treatment. They point out that America's reassessment of its Middle East policy is still going on and are confident that its results will not be made public until after President Ford has talked with Mr Rabin.

Less optimistic assessments of American intentions, however, fill Israel's newspapers. There are fears that if President Ford still believes Israel is to blame for the breakdown of the Kissinger peace mission, Mr Rabin may find it more difficult to resist the President's urgings for more flexibility than he did the pleas of the American Secretary of State.

There has been no change of mood in Israel. If anything positions have hardened since March, and doubts about Egypt's striving for peace have increased. American leaders nevertheless continue to urge the Israel Government to accept that President Sadat is pursuing a moderate line.

The gap between American and Israel thinking was illustrated by the bleak answers given in the Knesset (Parliament) today by Mr Shimon Peres, the Defence Minister, to questions on Egyptian military activities in the Suez Canal area. He said that groundworks had been prepared on the eastern bank of the canal for fortifications in which Egypt could deploy "all their forces that *cross the canal into Sinai*".

Mr Peres also asserted that there had been not just a resumption but a considerable increase in recent months in military supplies from the Soviet Union to Egypt. These included Mig 23 aircraft, ground-to-air missiles and anti-tank missiles.

Our Tel Aviv Correspondent writes: Mr Moshe Dayan, the former Defence Minister, who returned from the United States yesterday said Israel should submit new Middle East peace proposals to the Americans before President Ford meets President Sadat in Salzburg. Otherwise, he said, Israelis may find the United States and the Soviet Union, and possibly the United States and Egypt, will have reached conclusions before President Ford's meeting with Mr Rabin.

Mr Stonehouse tears up High Court writ

From Our Correspondent
Melbourne, May 5

A High Court of England writ for $A70,000 (about £41,000) served on Mr John Stonehouse, the runaway Labour MP for *Walsall North*, was torn up by him outside the Melbourne city court today. Mr David Lentin, a private investigator of Export *Investigation Services*, handed the writ to Mr Stonehouse as he stepped from his car outside the court building.

Mr Stonehouse tore it into three pieces and tried to push them into Mr Lentin's pocket. They fell to the ground and as Mr Lentin left, Mr Stonehouse picked up the pieces of paper and put them in his own pocket.

The writ was issued out of the High Court on April 17 by Hanover Berkley Securities Limited, of Gilbert Street, London, and it named John Thompson Stonehouse, otherwise known as Joseph Arthur Markham and otherwise known as Donald Clive Muldoon.

Later in the city court, extradition proceedings against Mr Stonehouse and Mrs Sheila Buckley, his former secretary, were adjourned for three weeks. The court was told that solicitors representing the pair needed time to study the mass of documents which accompanied the two warrants.

Mr C. J. Thompson, the chief stipendary magistrate, adjourned the case until May 26 and remanded Mr Stonehouse and Mrs Buckley on bail to the same date, on condition that they continued to report daily to the Australian police. The warrant against Mr Stonehouse contains 21 charges alleging fraud, theft and attempts to obtain money from insurance companies by deceit and conspiracy.

The warrant against Mrs Buckley alleges five counts of theft and one of conspiracy.

Mr Stonehouse told reporters outside the court: "I want to make it clear I am not trying to fight going back to England. I am trying to fight for the full facts to come out. That pile of documentary evidence presented to the court today indicates that Scotland Yard must be trying its damndest to stack the cards against me.

"It was no surprise to see such a vast collection. I have been expecting some of the material for some time. I have been advised that this extradition case could drag on for six months.

"It is very exhausting and frustrating for me and it is having a terrible effect upon me, but I have just got to see it through."

Before the press interview began, Mr Stonehouse objected to representatives of the *Daily Mail being present*. He accused them of being agents for Scotland Yard. They left the meeting.

£215m sought to settle 150,000 refugees in US

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, May 5

President Ford asked Congress today for $507m (about £215m) to bring some 150,000 Cambodian and Vietnamese refugees to the United States and resettle them here. Mr Dean Brown, the former diplomat who is director of the programme, said that at least 125,000 people had escaped from South Vietnam and that there might be another 10,000 still at sea.

He said that the Government hoped that 10 per cent of the refugees would be accepted by other countries, and the President has asked Congress for $20m (about £8.5m) to provide for them.

Mr Brown told the House judiciary committee today that the Attorney General, Mr Edward Levi, would be asked to liberalize the administrative *procedures for refugee immi*grants and increase the number *of entry permits from 132,000* to 150,000. He did not think all *150,000 would be needed.*

Repatriation of French from Cambodia begins

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, May 5

The first group of 412 French refugees from Cambodia is due at Roissy airport tomorrow on board an Air France Boeing 747 especially chartered by the *French Government.* A reception centre is being set up in *the Paris region for those who* have no relatives or means.

About 250 foreigners, including some 100 French nationals, remain in the French Embassy compound in Phnom Penh. They are to be taken to the Thai frontier sometime this week.

M Marc Bonnefous, a senior official of the Foreign Ministry, who was sent to Thailand especially to negotiate the repatriation of the French nationals, said on the radio yesterday it was possible that some French residents in Cambodia had been unable to get to Phnom Penh; but there was no cause for alarm about their fate for the time being.

In a tribute to the refugees, M Bonnefous said: "We had the great satisfaction of seeing that their attitude was dignified. They were patient people. Our fellow countrymen in Asia have given us an example to follow."

He added that it was difficult to be precise about the arrival of the second group of refugees because the fleet of lorries which had brought the first had to turn round and do the whole journey again. However, there was no reason to believe that the second journey, which involved fewer people, would take place under worse conditions.

According to informed sources, communications between Paris and the embassy in Phnom Penh are still cut, but they are working as usual with Saigon. Thirty-eight French journalists and photographers in the capital of South Vietnam are said to be working under normal conditions although, in their case, the interruption of communications prevents them from sending reports.

Britain unlikely to admit many refugees

By A. M. Rendel

The Government's decision to allow a number of South Vietnamese refugees to enter Britain was still under consideration yesterday. Meanwhile, Foreign Office representatives were emphatically playing down early reports that some 1,000 would be admitted. The figure is much more likely to be a few hundreds.

Of the 4,500 refugees picked up from a South Vietnamese vessel and taken to Hongkong by the Danish freighter Clara Maersk, only a small proportion are likely to come to Britain. It is hoped that countries with more space for settlement, such as Australia and Canada, will be able to take larger numbers.

'Big Minh' a happy citizen under new rulers

Bangkok, May 5.—Former President Duong Van Minh ("Big Minh") has said in a broadcast that he is "happy to become . . . a citizen of an independent Vietnam" after being freed from custody in South Vietnam, now under revolutionary government rule.

Released with 14 other former government figures, he made the broadcast yesterday. Earlier, in announcing the decision to free the former politicians, a representative of the metropolitan Saigon military committee expressed the hope that "they would contribute to the reconstruction of the country according to their capabilities".

As free men, "Big Minh" and the others met "in a relaxed *manner" with members of the* new Government at a presidential palace reception, *the broad*cast said.

They were full of praise for the Vietcong, according to another liberation radio broadcast.

Former Vice-President Nguyen Van Huyen, described as thin and suffering from back pains, was quoted as saying he did not approve of the United States evacuation of Vietnamese "The Vietnamese must live in their fatherland", the report attributed to him.

Mr Vu Van Mau, long a leader of legislative opposition to the regime of President Thieu, told the Vietcong: "You fought very, very well", the broadcast said.

Mr Clerides spurns sharing of management in Cyprus

Vienna, May 5.—Mr Glafkos, Clerides, the Greek Cypriot leader, today rejected Turkish *demands for joint management* of public services in Cyprus, *and said the Turkish state* could delay reopening of the island's main airport.

The Turkish community must be represented in the running *of island-wide services, but "I* am not willing to consider 50-50 participation on public utility boards", he said.

Speaking to reporters before flying to Athens, he was answering a demand yesterday by Mr Rauf Denktash, the Turkish Cypriot leader, for a 50-50 sharing system between Greeks and Turks in management posts in federal establishments.

Mr Clerides said *implement*ation of *an agreement in prin*ciple to reopen Nicosia inter*national airport would be de*layed if Mr Denktash insisted *on joint Greek and Turkish* managers under a United *Nations-appointed neutral man*ager.

*Mr Clerides and Mr Denk*tash ended six days of com*munal negotiations in Vienna* on Saturday under the guid*ance of Dr Kurt Waldheim*, the United Nations Secretary-*General.*

They agreed to allow United *Nations peacekeeping troops to* repair and use the airport, *closed since it was damaged in* heavy Greek-Turkish fighting last July, but delayed a decision on reopening it for civilian flights.

The Cypriot leaders will re*turn to Vienna for more negoti*ations with Dr Waldheim on *June 5.—Reuter.*

Australian rape case delayed by Lords judgment

Melbourne, May 5.—The controversial judgment on rape given in the House of Lords last week held up the start of a rape trial in Melbourne county court today.

The Crown sent a cable to London for a transcript of the ruling, which said a man could not be convicted of rape if he honestly believed the woman had consented to sexual intercourse, no matter how unreasonable his belief.

Judge Shillito adjourned proceedings until tomorrow, in a case in which four men face trial. He commented that once the transcript was examined it would, he believed, confirm the law as it had been in Victoria for some time.

Decisions by the House of *Lords are not binding in* Australia, but they influence *judgments.—Reuter.*

Laos King and Queen visit 'liberated zone'

Vientiane, May 5.—King Savang Vatthana of Laos and the queen returned to Luang Prabang yesterday after a six-day visit to Sam Neua, capital of the "liberated zone".

It was the first time in many years that the king had gone outside Vientiane or Luang Prabang and it showed his wish to preserve the unity of Laos, observers said.

They noted that the trip occurred at the same time that military incidents took place 125 miles north of Vientiane and that the king visited a zone which borders on North Vietnam.—Agence France-Presse.

West criticized by Solzhenitsyn

Montreal, May 5.—Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the exiled Russian author, yesterday criticized the West's "indifference" to the fate of countries such as the Ukraine.

In a three and half minute taped message, broadcast over*seas by the Ukrainian language* portion of Radio Canada Inter*national, Mr Solzhenitsyn* reminded listeners of the death in 1933 of "six million" Ukrainian peasants because of a famine. He added: "The insensitive Europe ignored the tragedy . . .".—AP.

Sir Robert Helpmann has rings stolen

Sydney, May 5.—Sir Robert *Helpmann*, director of the Australian Ballet, was robbed last night of two rings valued at SA5,000 (£2,200), taken from his Sydney hotel suite.—Reuter.

390 die in Burma heatwave

Rangoon, May 5.—About 390 people have died in a heatwave in Mandalay, 300 miles north of here, it was reported today.—Reuter.

Disappointing start for South African TV

From Our Correspondent
Johannesburg, May 5

Television transmissions began in South Africa today when the state-controlled South African Broadcasting Corporation beamed an hour-long test programme designed to entice people to buy sets costing about £630 each.

The daily tests will continue until January when the full ser*vice, in colour, will start.* Viewers have been promised 35 *hours a week of television from* then.

*South Africa has come reluc*tantly into the television age *after years of Government hos*tility towards the medium. *Manufacture of receivers is be*ing confined to a half dozen concerns and this, coupled with relatively small production runs and the high initial profits the embryo industry expects to make, has pushed the price of sets into the world record class.

There is considerable concern that manufacturers and agents *will be left with thousands of* sets on their shelves, causing something of a financial crisis for them, unless the corporation produces high quality programmes.

Millions of pounds have been spent on establishing the service which, technically, should be one of the world's best, but from today's foretaste there is clearly much to learn on the production side. Most of the first programme was confined to newsreel-type footage of arena events at the Rand Show in Johannesburg, South Africa's premier industrial and agricultural fair.

Viewers saw half an hour of show jumping with an Afrikaans language commentary that was much too full. Commentators, brought up on radio, have still to learn the television technique of complementing the picture with an occasional word rather than trying to keep up with it. There was little use of cameras to achieve different viewing effects.

*The test programmes are be*ing shown only in the Johannes*burg-Pretoria area for the pres*ent but Durban and Cape Town will see television from July.

Move at UN for nuclear free zone in Pacific

From Our Correspondent
Wellington, May 5

New Zealand is to press its *case for a nuclear free zone in* the South Pacific despite opposition *from Washington and* Canberra.

Mr Robert Tizard, the acting Prime Minister, said "We can*not expect to please our friends* all the time. They do not seem *to hesitate about not pleasing* us from time to time.

"*This is one of those occa*sions when friends have got to *agree to differ and talk about* their differences. We are not *going to make a major inter*national incident out of this *issue; but we reserve the right* to state our case and seek *support.*"

Speaking at a press conference, *Mr Tizard confirmed that* New Zealand would take an *initiative on the subject at the* United Nations and seek support *from smaller nations and* the Pacific powers.

*His statement follows indica*tions that New Zealand has been *under diplomatic pressure from* the United States and Australia to change its *stance particularly* in the light of the current power swing in South-East Asia.

Ceylon court challenge in gems case

From Our Correspondent
Colombo, May 5

Counsel for Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, who was the first Governor of Ceylon, challenged *the jurisdiction of the Criminal* Justice Commission (foreign Exchange Offences) to try his client when the Commission met today.

Sir Oliver, his son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs C Sathnanthan, and Mr A. R. M Mukthar and his two sons, are accused of being involved in *gem smuggling and foreign ex*change offences involving 4m rupees (about £250,000).

When Mr K. N. Choksy, counsel for Sir Oliver, who was not present, challenged the jurisdi*tion of the court*, the chairman Mr Justice G. T. Samarawickrem, said the first question the had to decide was whether S Oliver could be represented b counsel as he had not appeare before the Commission or te dered a plea.

Mr Choksy said: "It is fund mental to our judicial syste that every person who accused is entitled to be repr *sented by counsel.*" The Co mission reserved its ruling f May 20.

Zambia finds dead nationalists

From Our Correspondent
Lusaka, May 5

Fourteen more bodies of Rhodesian African Nationalists have been discovered in Zambia, *a government* statement said today.

Reliable sources say that *many more nationalists* may have been murdered during the past few months because of *feuding among the Zimbabwe* African National Union (Zanu) faction of the African National Council, Mr Aaron Milner, the Zambian Minister of Home Affairs, said in a statement that the 14 bodies had been exhumed and brought to Lusaka. "Some suspects in all these murders *are being held by the police.*"

He gave no more details but *recently more than 50 Zanu* followers were detained by the Zambian Government after Mr Herbert Chitepo, the Zanu chairman had been killed by a bomb at his Lusaka home.

Some of them have since been released but most are still being held.

A week ago the body of another Zanu supporter, Mr Edgar Madekurozwa, was discovered *in a shallow grave on the out*skirts of Lusaka. He had been *missing since early in February.*

It is thought that the latest 14 victims were murdered several weeks ago. "But this may be only the tip of the iceberg as far as the total number of deaths goes", a reliable source *said today.*

The trouble appears to centre among Zanu *supporters many* of whom have objected to their movement being *merged, to*gether with others into the ANC.

For several years Zanu has been the most militant fighting force within Rhodesia and many members are still opposed to attempts to find a peaceful solution to the Rhodesian *problem.*

A former leader of Zanu and now an executive member of the ANC is the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole. He was detained two months ago in Rhodesia. Mr Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister accused him of planning the assassination of political rivals. Mr Sithole was released last *month to attend a* conference in Tanzania but *faces detention on his return to* Salisbury.

Salisbury, May 5.—Among those reported *dead in Zambia* is Mr John Matuare, right hand man of Mr Chitepo. Mr Matuare was the first to report the mass arrest of Zanu guerrillas by Zambian officials after Mr Chitepo's assassination.

In Dar es Salaam, representatives of 18 African countries, and 15 nationalist movements today began a five-day meeting to draw up plans for implementing strategy of the Organization of African Unity towards southern Africa.—AP and Reuter.

New Zealand troop pull-out from Singapore

From Our Correspondent
Wellington, May 5

A start is to be made soon on plans for the withdrawal of most of New Zealand forces still in Singapore, Mr Tizard, the acting Prime Minister, said tonight.

New Zealand has more than 1,000 troops stationed there under the five-power defence arrangement with Singapore and Malaysia. Both Britain and Australia have decided to withdraw their troops.

Mr Tizard said that no date had been set for the beginning of the move. During his recent visit Mr Lee Kwan Yew, the Prime Minister of Singapore, had explained that his country's position had changed

Warning to tankers of hijack plan

By a Special Correspondent

An Arab terrorist group is planning to hijack a tanker in the Persian Gulf. Government security agencies in Britain, West Germany and the United States have all issued warnings to oil and shipping companies *to be on the alert.*

A worldwide cable issued by the German shipowners' association said: "Arab terrorists intend to attack tankers which lie in parts of the Persian Gulf. Members of the terrorist group are said to have practical knowledge in diving.

"It is recommended immediately to advise all masters of tankers which are in the Persian Gulf, or are heading for this area, of these plans to enable the introduction of precautionary measures."

The Germans added: "GCBS (General Council of British *Shipping) has received similar* information . . . and it is understood *the information comes* from an authentic source."

A spokesman for the GCBS confirmed that such warnings had been received, although the Department of Trade, the Foreign Office and the Ministry of Defence (Navy) later all denied responsibility.

None the less, shipowners were said to be taking the threat seriously but admitted that few practical precautions could be effected.

There is almost nothing even a prepared tanker crew could do to prevent a determined attack, it was said in London. However, a hijack in the Persian Gulf would pose little threat to West Europe as it would take a month for a vessel to reach a potentially dangerous position. Moreover, the control of a tanker would be more difficult than, say, an aircraft and any terrorists would unlikely to capture passengers to use as a bargaining count

Also, the terrorists would have few chances of attacking a laden tanker, and thereby seizing an environmental weapon. For, when loaded tankers clear harbour, they normally travel too fast for a diving team to board. However a fake SOS, or some such subterfuge to stop one, or even a potentially more dangerous liquid gas carrier, cannot be ruled out, which is why measures have been placed on the agenda.

Tankers have long been thought a potential target for terrorist actions but largely for propaganda reasons, rather than any direct threat to life.

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THE ARTS

Mantegna's peopled world

Mantegna was obsessed by Roman history. He grew up in Padua at the height of the humanist revival and gained an enormous knowledge of classical archaeology and ancient history. His obsession found further encouragement at Mantua, where he was appointed court painter to the Gonzagas—the ideal milieu for a painter of his inclinations with its cultivation of everything classical.

Yet what Mantegna achieved in his paintings was not, of course, a historically accurate depiction of Rome, but an imaginative and romantic recreation. Romantic might seem an odd word to describe a painter who is apparently so severe and unemotional in style. But nevertheless it is appropriate, for the compelling fascination of Mantegna's painting is its combination of emotional restraint with intellectual nostalgia.

Another of Mantegna's obsessions was with linear perspective. This found its most extreme and enthralling expression in the magnificent (and deeply moving) *Dead Christ* in the Brera in Milan, where the cold, corpse-coloured body of the dead Christ is shown in extreme distorted and fore-shortened perspective from a viewpoint just above the soles of the feet.

Mantegna's masterpiece, the series of nine paintings known as the *Triumph of Caesar*, have been skilfully restored and put on show again, after more than 10 years' absence, at the Orangery at Hampton Court. Here the subject exactly matched his obsessions. Perspective is one of the main formal elements in these paintings. But its exact workings are difficult to follow because we cannot be sure how the nine canvases were designed to be hung. It seems likely that they were originally arranged round the sides of a courtyard, which would account for certain sudden shifts of viewpoint. The paintings would have been separated by pillars or pilasters. But although most of the canvases are discontinuous, at least two pairs read straight across the frame or gap between them.

On first entering the Orangery the paintings appear crowded and cluttered with figures. Because of the way the entrance and exit are placed you are forced to view them from left to right, walking against the "movement" of the procession itself, which is from right to left. The initial impression is of visual assault and confusion—the very sensation one would feel on suddenly coming out of a side street and finding oneself a spectator at such a triumphal procession. Moving against the tide of the figures, as you view the paintings, heightens the illusion.

Mantegna no doubt saw Benozzo Gozzoli's *Journey of the Magi* in the Medici-Riccardi Palace on his visits to Florence. There are certain similarities but Mantegna's work is much tougher, not so immediately endearing. Although he does not spurn the depiction of pretty young men or the characterful faces of old soldiers, it is the movement of the procession and its symbolic embodiment of political power and physical force which is his main concern.

Mantegna was able to indulge his taste to the full for all the props of ancient Rome, piling them up in the shallow niche of space which seems to be contained between the foreground figures and the background landscape and buildings. The space in the pictures consists of these three layers, the first and nearest, the figures of the soldiers and bearers who carry the booty and triumphal objects, then the great dense mass of objects themselves, and finally the last layer, that of the landscape. Three layers—men, objects and the natural world. But a natural world moulded, cultivated and built upon by man. It is a world where man reigns supreme, subjugating animals (horses, cattle, the magnificent elephants) and taming the landscape. The paintings celebrate the power of man over his destiny and his environment. And yet. . . . When at last the passing show comes to its final culminating canvas, *Caesar on his Chariot*, we find not an awesome figure of temporal power, but a sad, tired looking figure dwarfed on top of his triumphal car. Far more compelling is the figure of a young man who occupies the left centre of this painting and seems to be turning languidly towards Caesar, carrying a spear on which are hung a wreath and branches of laurel. His expression is wistful and somewhat Giorgionesque. Youth has beauty, grace and dreams of ideals; age and maturity possess power and exercise it at the expense of others, but its possession brings no happiness or satisfaction, only loneliness and sadness. That somewhat withered and diminished figure of Caesar makes a fitting anticlimax to the splendour and vigour of the triumphal procession. We know from the *Dead Christ* that Mantegna could relish that realistic portrayal of the husk of man prone and prostrate with little sign or sense of divinity.

In the early seventeenth century the paintings were bought by Charles I and taken to Hampton Court. By the beginning of the eighteenth century they were in a sorry condition, the paint flaking from the canvas. William III commissioned the French painter Louis Laguerre to restore them. He repainted them completely with thick oil paint and little sympathy for Mantegna, whose work was totally obscured. In 1912 Roger Fry attempted to restore them again, but gave up after over-painting the first in the series, *The Picture Bearers*, where he changed Mantegna's Negro bearer into a white man. (Not only was Bloomsbury elitist but racist too!) In 1930 the paint was fixed by applications of thick wax which darkened disasterously and made the pictures almost impossible to see. In 1962 John Brealey examined them and began the long and painstaking process of cleaning which is now completed. The paintings are at last again visible in something more than a shadow of their former selves. One canvas proved to have virtually nothing of Mantegna's work left under the repaintings and this has therefore not been cleaned but hangs on a side wall where it can be compared with the others in the series.

Instead of attempting to put them in any kind of colonnaded setting, they are hung close together in simple gilt frames. Unfortunately the architectural proscenium which has been devised for them, of plain pink plaster, stone slabs and geometric grid of opaque glass overhead, immediately evokes the striped classicism of Mussolini's Italy. Although there might well be parallels between Caesar's Rome, the Gonzagas of Mantua and Italian Fascism, this probably unintended architectural allusion is intrusive. The lighting is also not ideal. The paintings are lit from above and although tilted slightly forward to avoid glare, in order completely to escape this you have to stand or sit so far back that you cannot make out detail without field glasses. It is much better when the concealed electric lights at floor level are on—confirming a depressing modern tendency to design for best viewing under artificial rather than natural light.

Paul Overy



The Corselet Bearers, engraving after Mantegna

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Ballet under canvas

The Royal Ballet is to dance for four weeks from June 2 in a specially erected Big Top adjoining the Thames in Battersea Park. This season replaces the one at the London Coliseum which had to be cancelled because of the inability to agree terms for the "get-out" at the end of the season. The tent is the one successfully used by the company in Plymouth last summer.

Announcing the plans yesterday, John Tooley, general administrator of the Royal Opera House, said it was hoped to attract many people who for financial or other reasons had not ventured to see the Royal Ballet at Covent Garden. The highest price in the park season will be £3 which, he thought, was a bargain for seeing one of the world's leading ballet companies.

Both companies of the Royal Ballet will take part, making a total of 134 dancers with an orchestra of 45. Although the decors will have to be simplified, they will dance the full-length *Swan Lake*, *Coppelia*, *La Fille mal gardée* and *Giselle* as well as a selection of shorter ballets. Natalia Makarova will be appearing as guest in several works, partnered by Anthony Dowell in *Swan Lake*, *Giselle*, *Les Sylphides* and *Pavane*, and by Desmond Kelly in *Elite Syncopations*.

In order not to disappoint the thousands of schoolchildren who had already applied for seats at the Coliseum, matinées will be given on Mondays (except in the first week), Thursdays and Saturdays. Postal booking opens on May 12, and personal applications will be accepted from May 20. Advance booking will be carried out at Covent Garden but some seats will be available at the doors at each performance. There are hopes of arranging special bus and boat services to Battersea Park during the season.

Other alternative arrangements for the month had been considered, Mr Tooley said, including an American tour, the use of a central London cinema or performances elsewhere in Britain, but all proved impracticable at such short notice. Although the tent seats only half as many people as the Coliseum, a contribution from the Midland Bank has been promised so that the expected financial outcome is the same as it would have been at the Coliseum. Mr Tooley also expressed gratitude to the Greater London Council for cutting through red tape to approve the plans without delay.

John Percival

Matching up to Beethoven

Missa Solemnis
Festival Hall

Alan Blyth

So many performances of the *Missa Solemnis* fail to match either Beethoven's vision or his technically awkward means of attaining it that one which comes somewhere near achieving it, as did that under Giulini on Sunday night, demands to be cheered.

The occasion was significant in other, more mundane ways. This was Giulini's first Festival Hall concert with the London Philharmonic; in a splitting of loyalties, the choir was the New Philharmonia; and these forces, together with the four distinguished soloists, are in the middle of recording the work.

That last fact is a clue to why the interpretation was, for the most part, so confident. These days, only the longer rehearsal time allowed for getting near perfection in the studio can give time for a conductor to communicate in detail his view of such a difficult score.

He shaped the long movements with their often abrupt changes of mood and key as whole paragraphs, disdaining exaggeration in speeds or dynamics that more overt readings indulge in, and so revealed more clearly the vast proportion of each. Within them, he gave suitable emphasis as required, a human, desperate appeal at "Misere nobis" in the *Gloria*, the overwhelming weight of the cross at "Crucifixus" in the *Credo*, the inwardness of the *Praeludium*.

The choral attack was superb. If I single out the bright, fearless entry of the tenors at "Quoniam", it is only because that is the section telling many tales in other choirs. The failure to mark some of Beethoven's *sforzandi* and *piano* markings must surely be the conductor's wish, because this chorus's tonal gradations elsewhere were mostly as fine as one could wish; so was its line and balance.

Much the same could be said of the soloists as a team. Individually, Janet Baker's contribution's to the *Agnus Dei* were as urgent as they should be. Robert Tear declared man's creation with suitable conviction. Heather Harper, initially showing signs of strain, later redeemed herself. Hans Sotin's otherwise immaculate bass suffered intonation problems in the *Benedictus*, no doubt caused by a sadly fallible account of the solo violin part. Those demands of Beethoven may be superhuman, but this was simply not good enough, upsetting the equilibrium of the performance.

Flood of warm feeling

Shura Cherkassky
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Stephen Walsh

Not even Cherkassky's most devoted admirer would call him a great classical pianist, and after paying his respects on Sunday afternoon in Schubert's little A major Sonata he moved shrewdly away into those more exotic regions where his leonine technique and idiosyncratic style could pay better dividends.

The journey was not entirely without mishap, but it showed that those audience qualities on which Liszt built his early career are still with us. Hofmann's "Kaleidoskop", a piece of sheer empty virtuosity, and Liszt's "Réminiscences de Don Juan", which would today be forgotten if anyone but Liszt had written it, were both cheered to the rafters, though Cherkassky can play this kind of stuff on his head (and might consider doing so). On the other hand a fine performance of Chopin's "Preludes" was allowed to pass comparatively unremarked.

Cherkassky's playing was notable for its precision: not its technical precision (Decca will need a few retakes if they intend, as announced, to issue a record of this concert), but its sharpness and vividness of emotional imagery. The performance had in fact some trying mannerisms. For instance, the G minor was pedalled virtually into extinction, and in the A flat the coda was flagrantly mis-pedalled (with the sustaining pedal, not the centre pedal, which sustains only notes struck before its being depressed), so that the harmonies were effectively changed. Cherkassky was cavalier about rests, recitative phrases (like the slow crotchets at the end of the D flat), and even perfectly clear dynamic markings.

Yet still the performance carried one along on a flood of warm feeling and varied thought. Cherkassky made masterly use of inner melody, and was able, with his big technique, to make the bravura variations properly expressive rather than simply the mass of notes they remain under lesser hands. His softer playing was often unexpectedly beautiful as sheer sound, and this was true also in the Schubert sonata, and a rare but unexceptional set of variations in F by Tchaikovsky. But the Schubert was spoilt by having its rhythms ironed out, so that it failed truly to dance.

St John Passion
Sheldonian, Oxford

William Mann

The English Bach Festival has finished in London for this year, but continues in its original home at Oxford, where the concerts appear to include more of Bach, though other music too. The weekend just past was devoted to J. S. Bach, with an organ recital by Peter Hurford and a harpsichord recital by Gustav Leonhardt whose Consort, in its enlarged form as Musica Antiqua of Amsterdam, joined forces for two programmes with the Collegium Vocale from Ghent.

The performance of the *St John Passion* on Sunday in the Sheldonian Theatre (rightly dedicated to the memory of Sir Jack Westrup, a loyal ally of the EBF since the start) was extraordinarily impressive in its compact, clean-limbed sound and committed response to drama. Philippe Herrweghe, the conductor, emphasized dancing lilt wherever relevant (very often in Bach) and impulsive yet not inflexible tempo: the *turba* choruses and supposedly congregational chorales were treated more disturbingly in effect than many listeners will be used to, though the interpretation sounded natural, not aggravated.

Articulation was normally detached, not smooth, except in cantabile solos (even then not sumptuous), the orchestral bass line often vanished, left to fend underpowered for itself, especially in recitative where the basso was not at all continuo even at changes of harmony (both tenor arias suffered particularly and there were embarrassing unfilled holes in the lullaby chorus "Ruht wohl").

Too much, for me important, musical detail was submerged, and I noted that though cadential trills are taken for granted, grammatical graces were thin on the ground, suggesting folk-song, not baroque art-music. Emphasis was chiefly laid on vitality of movement and muscular euphony, which included a vivid Evangelist, Marius Van Altena, a serene yet never sentimental Jesus, Hans Friedrich Kunz, as well as an exceptionally musical (and, in this context, stylish) baritone soloist, Max von Egmond—he bobbed above the bass notes.

Much of this Bach style had been proposed on the previous evening in Oxford Town Hall (how much more at home J. S. Bach's music sounds in Oxford's halls than on London's South Bank). The detached bowing gave real spirit to the dance movements in the C major orchestral suite, though the overture itself jerked awkwardly. The baroque recorders and oboes sounded and phrased beautifully (Ku Ebbinge's artistry was specially to be admired), and Ton Koopman's direction from the harpsichord contributed greatly to the enjoyment, though he rushed the outer movements of the fourth Brandenburg at the expense of Maria Leonhardt's solo violin, gamely as she kept pace.

Icelandic Music
Purcell Room

Paul Griffiths

We know the Icelanders as the most literate of peoples, but their music is pretty much a closed saga. All the more intriguing, then, was the prospect of a concert of Icelandic music, all by composers born just before or during the Second World War; and in the event it proved a highly promising introduction. In part the praise must go to the outstanding performers, who included two of the composers represented and also the invaluable flautist Robert Aitken. Mr Aitken's exquisitely modelled line, his breath control and his ability to execute new techniques (simultaneous vocalizing or shrieks of harmonics, for example) to subtly telling effect all distinguished the occasion.

But there was merit too in even the least of the compositions played: Leifur Thorarinsson's Variations for clarinet, cello and piano were well crafted, though the balancing of the ensemble was occasionally awkward. The piece's main fault was its ordinariness, for there must be any number of sportive variation sets in this manner, swung delicately between Schoenberg and Webern.

Thorkell Sigurbjörnsson showed himself a musician of light touch, whether in composing or in playing the piano. Satie was sometimes brought to mind by his quite simple *Folk-songs*, set for clarinet and piano, and that was before his patently comic *For Renée* had been played. This suite for flute, cello and piano displayed a charming inability to take itself seriously or to stay for long in any particular area: at one moment the flute and the piano were developing an attractive duet, at another there was energetic, spiky music for the trio, at yet another the balloon was burst (literally).

Though not so utterly self-deflating, Sigurbjörnsson's *Four* better or worse moved in the same butterfly territory. It was of the nature of the piece that banal, the "worse", ideas be included along with the good ones, and so it would be pointless to complain. Besides, Sigurbjörnsson is a composer deft enough to have his music feed on its little incongruities, so that the effect is engaging rather than bizarre.

Much the most ambitious music of the concert came in two excellent pieces by Halfidi Hallgrimsson: *Verse I* for flute and cello, and *Verse II* for the same pair with amplified clavichord and percussion. Both showed a fine and individual melodic style as well as skill in knitting together the sounds of disparate instruments. Their poetic restraint, marred only by an over-expansive climax to the second work, was beautifully presented, with Hallgrimsson himself at the cello. It would be pleasing indeed to hear more music by him and other Icelanders, if the standard is as high as this concert suggested.

Summer Exhibition
Royal Academy

William Gaunt

There are no perceptible restrictions as to style or theme in this year's Summer Exhibition of the Royal Academy (the 207th) but a continuance of the wide variety that has been a feature of the exhibitions of recent years. The show may once again be considered as a *supermarket* in which the shopper has a liberal margin of choice from the representational to the abstract. The success of this open-mindedness may be found in the Academy's statement that professionals and amateurs alike have this year submitted works in record numbers, the 11,015 works received from well over 4,300 artists making it the largest entry for nearly a quarter of a century.

But statistics of this sort have nothing to say about the quality of art which is indeed various. There are familiar pictorial entertainments by, for example, William Roberts and Edward Ardizzone, quiet merits to be discerned as in David Tindle's "Woman in a Deck Chair", some paintings, perhaps too few, of interest in their reflection of contemporary life such as Ken Howard's stark scenes of "Patrol in East Belfast" or Dan Jones's banner-like "TUC Demonstration on Pensions".

There are several portraits that show a welcome departure from the academic fomality of an earlier day though on the whole the Academy is not the place for new departures or nowadays for the authority that once commanded the end wall of Gallery III. The flaw of permissiveness applies not so much to works produced in accord with traditional standards as the works that might be mistaken for new, but are in fact imitations of abstract and surrealist works.

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Exorcism: hope that church and medical profession will help

House of Lords

LADY SUMMERSKILL (Lab) asked if the Government proposed to control the activities of individuals and organizations who professed to practise exorcism on patients suffering from mental disorder.

LORD WELLS-PESTELL, Lord in Waiting—The Government are not aware of any evidence that *exorcism is being practised to any* extent or on an increasing scale on patients suffering from mental disorder. If such evidence were forthcoming, we would consider what *action needed to be taken.*

LADY SUMMERSKILL—How *many cases must there be before a* patient is given the necessary protection?

LORD WELLS-PESTELL—The Government are concerned at what has appeared in the press about a particular case. This matter is causing grave concern both in the medical profession and the Church of all denominations.

We hope they will be able to take some initiative in getting together on this matter.

LADY BACON (Lab)—In my part of Yorkshire there is a great deal of concern, and a feeling that foolish people are dabbling in things they know nothing about. Even a "one-off" case is too many.

LORD WELLS-PESTELL—*This* is causing some concern in the various religious bodies, and judging from statements made recently from the Archbishop of Canterbury, it seems as if the Church will be doing something.

LORD HAILSHAM of ST MARYLEBONE—I suppose everybody would agree with the undesirability of *unqualified persons* meddling with the psychology of mentally disordered people, whether in the name of religion or anything else.

How could Lady Summerskill's suggestion be policed? How could they define exorcism? How could *you find out* when it was taking place in private, and how could you define a mentally disordered person, unless by certificate?

Was it not precisely those who *had latent mental disorders about* whom the dangers were most acute?

LORD WELLS-PESTELL—The Department of Health and Social Security are *undertaking an* inquiry into the question of psycho-therapy. We would welcome the help of both the Church and the medical profession.

LADY GAITSKELL (Lab)—*Is it* not worrying that high dignitaries of the Church not only accept exorcism and possession by the devil as a fact, but the Church accept it as therapy?

LORD LAUDERDALE (C)—Throughout the ages the Church, of whatever discipline, have treated this area with the greatest caution. We are bedevilled by ignorant handling of this delicate subject by the media, which does not begin to understand what it is talking about.

The BISHOP of SOUTHWARK—While there are many fanatics in every society, the majority of people are not fanatics. This work has been going on in a quiet way under the closest cooperation with the medical profession.

In most cases, what is called exorcism is a time of quiet and peace, when people who feel themselves, or believe themselves to be, disturbed, are asked to open themselves up in quietness and peace to the spirit of love, kindliness and compassion.

That is what exorcism is, and it *might* benefit many people, perhaps all of us, and maybe Lady Summerskill herself.

Government resist calls to extend franchise for EEC referendum

The Referendum Bill was considered in committee.

On Clause 1 (Holding the Referendum),

LORD REAY (C) moved an amendment to extend the right to vote to British subjects resident in other member states of the EEC.

He said voting provisions could, and should, have been made for British subjects, suitably qualified, wherever they were resident overseas. This was no longer practicable, but people living in the EEC could still be given a vote without prejudicing the date of the Referendum.

People affected included businessmen, involved in exports and journalists responsible for providing the public with an account of what went on in the EEC. The Leader of the Commons, Mr Short, had described these people as lotus eaters. This was most unfair and much resented characterization of a group of people who deserved better references from the Government.

EARL FERRERS (C) said many people had gone abroad because of British membership of the EEC, and might be more motivated to want to take part in the referendum. They had as much right to have their opinion considered as anyone in the country.

Mr Short had made an unfortunate remark about lotus eaters. We are coming (he said) to a poor state of affairs if we are going to disenfranchise people according to our moral judgments of the way they live their lives.

He would not vote for the amendment because it was not right to include for voting purposes those who happened to be abroad, but happened to be in the Community, and excluding those who were abroad outside the Community. To give the vote to an ICI representative in Milan and to deny it to one in Madrid seemed absurd.

LORD HARRIS of GREENWICH, Minister of State, Home Office, said it was important that the result had the widest credibility. If there were a series of serious malfunctions in the electoral process as a result of trying to create special arrangements at short notice it would not be in the national interest.

The amendment put forward a fairly remarkable doctrine that they should apply a new test for franchise in this country—the particular country in which a person resided.

It could create far more anomalies than already existed.

The amendment was withdrawn.

LORD BYERS (L) moved an amendment to give a postal vote to certain people.

He said the amendment would give a vote to people who were already on the electoral register and who, by sheer chance, had arranged their holidays before the Government announced the date of the referendum and would not be able to vote at their polling station in the ordinary way.

It was thought that one million to one and a half million people would be deprived of a vote under the existing arrangements. The amendment was desirable and practicable.

VISCOUNT ST DAVIDS said he loathed the Bill. It was a constitutional horror and he hoped it would never happen again. He supported the amendment because he feared that if the vote was too low a proportion the referendum might be held again. It was important that the maximum number possible should vote.

LORD HARRIS of GREENWICH agreed that they wanted as many *people as possible to vote, but* there were practical problems. What would be the practical consequences of trying to introduce the postal vote for holidaymakers? If *the result were narrow and it was* suggested there had been a widespread breakdown in the administration of the postal vote, would not that create formidable difficulties?

LORD SHINWELL (Lab) said when the disaster came, and there would be a disaster if Britain stayed in the EEC, the so-called *integration that was anticipated* would fail. In the nature of things it must fail.

The amendment was rejected by 61 votes to 38—Government majority, 23.

The committee stage was concluded.

The Farriers (Registration) Bill was read a second time.

House adjourned, 7.13 pm.

Measures to prevent rabies reaching UK

MR MacCORMICK (Argyll, Scot Nat) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food what steps he intended to take to prevent the current epidemic of *rabies in Europe from spreading to* the United Kingdom.

MR STRANG, Parliamentary Secretary, said in a written reply: While the current epidemic of *rabies in Europe shows how* rapidly the disease can spread, in practical terms it can reach this country only through the importation of an animal infected with *the disease.* Our chief defence against rabies is therefore strict observance of our import requirements, which have recently been strengthened, and full compliance *with the quarantine* regulations.

To ensure that people are fully aware of the situation, multi-language posters advising travellers of the quarantine laws and the serious *penalties for breaches of them* have been distributed for widespread display at ports, airports and other points of entry.

It is also intended that the poster *will be displayed on cross-*Channel and North Sea ferries and near foreign exit points.

MR MacCORMICK also asked the minister what plans he had to inform the people of the United Kingdom about the consequences of the spread of rabies to the United Kingdom.

MR STRANG, in a further reply, said: This is a matter to which the Secretary of State for Scotland and I attach considerable importance. In addition to a sustained campaign by press, radio and television, we *plan to give wide distribution to a* leaflet describing the nature of rabies, the way it spreads and the consequences for animal and country life if the disease were to breach our defences.

A further leaflet on the dangers of rabies, the quarantine laws, penalties for evasion and the need for vigilance is being distributed to port and airport staff, customs officers, ships' captains, and others likely to come into contact with the travelling public.

A poster emphasizing the importance of our import requirements in keeping rabies out of Britain will be displayed shortly in Crown post offices, veterinary surgeries, *animal welfare hostels,* and similar places.

Other measures will be taken in due course to maintain the momentum of the publicity campaign.

Talks on footwear imports

During questions to the Secretary of State for Trade,

MRS MAUREEN COLQUHOUN (Northampton, North, Lab) said that British footwear workers were increasingly on a three and a half to four-day week and were awaiting a Government statement on import quotas for Comecon countries? When could a statement be expected?

MR DEAKINS, Under-Secretary (Waltham Forest, Walthamstow, Lab)—I cannot tell Mrs Colquhoun exactly when but I can assure her that negotiations have been going on for some time with the countries concerned, as a continuation of an anti-dumping application made a year or two ago.

As a result of our preliminary negotiations with those countries, we have gone back to them trying to get rather more concessions and I am hopeful of the outcome.

As soon as we have reached finality with the countries concerned we shall report to the House what has been achieved, and I do not think she will be dissatisfied.

Mrs Castle outlines plans to prevent queue-jumping by private patients

House of Commons

MR NORMAN FOWLER, Opposition spokesman on social services (*Sutton Coldfield, C*), moved: "That this House believes that the abolition of private beds in National Health Service hospitals would be against the interests of the *health service, the patients* and the medical profession".

He said that there were almost 5,000 private beds available. That made up around 1 per cent of the *total number of beds in hospitals.* That was the tiny target which the Secretary of State for Social Services was spending so much time and energy in seeking to destroy.

What made her action more extraordinary was that the system enabled a number of results which would be welcomed by both sides of the House. It enabled specialists not only to make valuable *contributions* to the health service, but also to preserve for themselves the freedom to practice outside a full-time salaried service. It allowed them to achieve that without the kind of separation of facilities which Mrs Castle seemed to envisage.

It would not be surprising if some specialist reconsidered their future in this country, not because they wanted to go but because they felt they were being forced out. Mrs Castle would have to answer how that would benefit the *health* service.

Probably the true explanation for the Government's policy was that it was a good old-fashioned *socialist attack against the rich,* but that argument did not bear examination because the vast majority of people who used pay beds were those insured under medical insurance schemes.

The Government were firm believers in extending the amenity bed system. *It was absurd that they* were saying they refused to see people paying for beds in the NHS and at the same time intending to extend the amenity bed system.

The Government were getting into the most enormous tangle. The Secretary of State was saying she wanted an extension of *facilities*; in other words she was forcing into existence an alternative service. As Nye Bevan went down as a father of the NHS, Mrs Castle *apparently wanted to go down as* the mother of the private health service. It seemed an odd ambition for a Labour politician.

The abolition of pay beds was *little supported and was opposed* by the overwhelming majority of medical opinion. It threatened to increase disillusion among doctors and it threw away resources at a *time when the NHS needed every* penny it could get. It destroyed a compromise which worked well and it would be opposed by the Opposition at every stage.

MRS BARBARA CASTLE, Secretary of State for Social Services (Blackburn, Lab), said the NHS was inspired by the principle that health care should be available *to all, free at the point of use.* Access to treatment should be on the basis of medical priority alone and not on ability to pay. That was the most precious principle of all. *one of the hallmarks of a civilized* society. It carried the colours of Britain throughout the world and in the thinking of people in other advanced countries who were not so fortunate.

Mr Fowler had revealed himself as ignorant about the question of amenity beds. They were talking about access to treatment and amenity beds had nothing *to do* with queue jumping. The knowledge that a patient who paid a private fee to a consultant to go to the top of the queue embittered all sorts of people, not least the NHS staff.

We believe that it is an outrage (she said) that a patient should go into hospital, into a private bed, as a result of crossing a consultant's palm with money and will get the extra facilities there for which the only person who gets any financial benefit is the consultant.

Nobody would be able to leave that situation unchanged because it was outside the concept of fairness and equality of treatment which *inspired modern society* and which was typified by the NHS.

The fabric of the NHS would rot if the principle of treatment on the basis of medical priority only was ever seriously undermined.

Mr Fowler had spoken of the insignificance of the role of the private bed in the total health care of the people of the country. Yet its consequence on confidence in the NHS and in the opportunity for abuse was out of proportion to the amount of medical care delivered to the number of people involved.

Most people depended exclusively for their health care on the NHS and that must be the Government's main concern. Of the 403,500 beds in NHS hospitals, only 1 per cent, or 4,500, were private beds. Only 200 had been closed by industrial action, in Merseyside. Even most people who subscribed to private medical schemes, when the chips were down and they were faced with a serious emergency of life and death, turned to the NHS.

Unoccupied beds

If private beds were so vital for health why were they so unevenly spread? Taking the *January* figures, the latest she had, in Scotland out of a total of 63,000 NHS beds there were 370 pay beds. Of these 139 were occupied, or one *quarter of 1 per cent* of NHS beds.

In Wales the figures were even more revealing. Out of 25,500 beds a mere 68 were pay beds and only 32 of those were occupied, 0.15 per cent. No wonder the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales were associated with what she was going to say today.

In England there was great disparity between regions in the use of pay beds. Occupied pay beds as a percentage of all occupied beds varied from 1.5 per cent in north-west London to 0.3 per cent in Newcastle. The average over the whole of England was 0.7 per cent.

The real give-away was in the *distribution of pay beds between* the different kinds of hospitals. Eight per cent of all pay beds were in acute hospitals, which accounted for only 35 per cent of all hospital *beds in England.*

The reason was that for all but peripheral matters like non-urgent operations people overwhelmingly relied on the NHS for major urgent operations, long stay care such as mental handicap and even such basic needs as maternity.

They did so because they knew that they could not get better treatment out of the NHS. The primary aim of healthy policy should therefore be to strengthen that service.

It is against this background (she continued) that I am now able to tell the House how we propose to proceed with the development of our policy to separate pay beds from NHS hospitals.

It is a policy designed to end the unfairness of queue-jumping within the NHS and to release more facilities and services particularly of staff, for the benefit of *NHS patients.* to this end, and in the light of representations which have been made to me by the medical profession and others, the Government have decided that the *programme of phasing out* should be effected by legislation as soon as parliamentary time is available and I am entering into immediate consultations with all concerned about the *details of the pro*gramme. The policy which I announce today will apply to Great Britain as a whole, although pay beds already form only a tiny proportion of *hospital beds in Scot*land and Wales.

At present, on average only 52 per cent of pay beds in NHS hospitals in England were occupied by paying patients at any one time compared with 81 per cent for all NHS hospital beds and an even lower percentage in Wales.

Separately from the programme of phasing out she was producing to reduce the authorizations of pay beds in areas where these were under-utilized as was done by her predecessor, Mr Kenneth Robinson *in 1967 and she was putting this in* train at once.

She expected the exercise to result in a reduction in England of about 10 per cent in the total number of authorized pay beds as a start. She would be watching the position to see if further reductions were necessary. There was also continuing concern about the fact that some patients were admitted to pay beds with less delay than NHS patients with similar *medical conditions. She would* approach the medical profession yet again to urge them to introduce common waiting list procedures both for their paying and their *non-paying patients.*

Britain had a justifiable reputation as an international centre for specialized medical treatment. The Government were anxious that this reputation should be sustained. Many of the overseas patients coming into Britain specially for medical treatment already went to the wholly private sector outside the NHS. But some wanting specialized services involving new techniques went to NHS hospitals, particularly *to specialist academic units in* teaching hospitals.

We would (she said) wish to see NHS hospitals continuing to treat overseas patients needing specialized skills provided there is no "queue-jumping" by them, that they are admitted as NHS and not private patients and that any fees they pay go to the hospital service and not to the consultant. We already have power to charge aliens who receive treatment as NHS patients and we would intend to review the level of charges to take account of the new situation.

The private sector at present relied heavily on the NHS for certain facilities, *including blood,* radiography and laboratory testing. The Government were reviewing what facilities, if any, should continue to be made available to the private sector. They would ensure that realistic charges would be made for any services provided, but would not propose to make any charge for blood, other than the cost of services such as cross-matching.

Amenity beds

One reason why individuals sometimes "went private" was because they wished for greater privacy than they thought was available in the NHS. Aneurin Bevan himself established a system of "amenity beds" under which, *for a small fee,* a patient receiving non fee-paying NHS treatment could have a single or double room for extra privacy, where this room was not required on medical *grounds for them* or another patient.

The Government had every intention of maintaining this system and of building on it. To date, this "amenity bed" *facility had not* been well used, partly at least because it had been given so little publicity, and they intended to rectify this. She would also be discussing with all the *staff how they* might extend the use of amenity beds.

The separation of pay beds would make more single rooms available for use by NHS patients generally. The Government were committed to providing every patient with the maximum privacy possible, as would be apparent *from their designs for new hospi*tals.

As Secretary of State she was statutorily responsible in England for the nation's health and for the quality of the care given to all patients whether treated within the NHS or the private sector. She already had powers under the *nursing* homes legislation to licence private nursing homes and to make regulations as to the conduct of such homes. But these powers were *limited and their adequacy must be* reviewed, given the role which the wholly private sector might take on once the phasing out programme was completed.

The Government (she said) has therefore decided to consider the extension of my existing powers of licensing. This will enable me and the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales, to regulate more closely than is possible under our existing powers the operation, *extent and development of the pri*vate sector. We may also need to guard against the possible development of undesirable commercial or advertising practices.

*It is right that those represent*ing the interests of the private medical sector should be consulted at a formative stage and before the details of the licensing system are settled. I shall therefore be issuing invitations to consultation to those interested in the very near future.

She hoped these consultations could be conducted speedily, and intended as soon as possible afterwards to publish details of the way in which the licensing system would operate. Meantime, to ensure that the operation and development of the private sector proceeded in an orderly way, the extension of the licensing system would cover all existing nursing homes as well as any new developments or changes of use. Officials of her department would be available for discussions with those contemplating new developments of changes of use before the extensions to the system come into force.

Within the broad framework of policy she had outlined the Government were anxious to consult fully with the medical profession and the other staff of the NHS about the most sensible way of carrying out the programme.

The Government recognizes (she continued) that the phasing out of pay beds from NHS hospitals will involve some loss of revenue. On the other hand the NHS will benefit from the additional beds that will become available for NHS patients. It is difficult to put precise figures on either of these two *factors. However the Government* have decided that the appropriate funds will be made available so that the revenue allocations of health authorities are not affected as a consequence of phasing out pay beds.

This plan of action was to fulfil the policies in which they believed and the election pledges they had made.

It is a plan (she said) to end the *queue-jumping which has caused* so much bitterness and frustration—(Labour cheers)—and to restore the basic ethic of the NHS. It will release facilities and services, not least of staff, for the benefit of NHS patients as a whole. It will enable us to widen the provision of privacy for those who need it or desire it and help to reduce waiting lists. I believe that one of the most potent reasons for the resort to private consultations and private insurance and private fee-paying is the length of those waiting lists.

She was convinced that waiting lists could also be reduced by *better management* by health authorities and by the injection of comparatively small sums of money at crucial points to break bottlenecks or increase key posts. *Her department* had been studying this problem for some time together with the medical profession and she would issue a circular of guidance to health authorities this month. She had also set aside £5m this year out of our health expenditure total for allocation to *health authorities to finance minor* schemes and improvements which can reduce their waiting lists.

She hoped they could make this separation of pay beds in an orderly *way in the interests of all* patients in NHS hospitals.

Conservatives had been only too quick to condemn action against pay beds, but their silence in condemning the most serious and damaging industrial action against the NHS—by consultants—had been deafening. (Labour cheers.) The decision on pay beds was for Parliament to take. She called on everyone in the service, however strong their feelings, to leave it to Parliament to legislate.

The Tories secretly believed in queue-jumping and had always blessed private insurance and, in fact, had openly encouraged it.

She was not abolishing private practice. She was concerned with the integrity of the NHS. The Conservatives had always underestimated the moral power and influence of a service in which people were treated on grounds of medical need and not of ability to pay. (*Labour cheers.*) She advis... Tories and those in the medic... profession who opposed the policy to study what was happe... ing in the United States as she h... done recently.

I was struck during that vi... (she continued) by the alar... which is mounting there at t... escalating costs of their health ca... under their system of private me... cal insurance and by the envy a... curiosity they feel about our NH...

MR CARLISLE (Rumcorn, ... said that with 4,500 pay beds p... ing £200 a week and assuming ... per cent occupancy the serv... would lose £30m by removi... them.

The decision to abandon £3... was stupid at any time; at this ti... it was economic madness. If peo... wished to insure themselves ... enable them to have the special ... of their choice, the advantage ... privacy in a private room, and ... choose the time of entering hos... tal in non-urgent cases, th... should be allowed to. On th... incomes of something in excess ... £15,000 a year members of t... Government should be able a... responsible enough to provide ... insurance for their own hospital... ation rather than accepting t... the cost should be carried by t... taxpayers.

MR WILLIAM HAMILT... (Central Fife, Lab) said t... Conservative MPs wanted to ... rid of the health service. This ... a means of doing it, undermin... the service by extending the prin... ple of the pay bed.

There had been evidence of c... sultants stealing valuable equ... ment from the NHS, using it ... their private clinics in Harl... Street, and charging their patie... as if it were their own equipme... There should be no right to ex... cise the power of the purse to ta... away scarce resources and u... them for the benefit of the pri... leged few.

MR PENHALIGON (Truro, ... said the problem was not quei... jumping but the length of t... queues and MPs should be discus... ing the important matter of how ... reduce them.

MR HARDY (Rother Valle... Lab) said it was essential that ... people had confidence in the NI... and if they felt they had to pay ... obtain prompt service—wheth... they could afford it or not—t... service was brought into question.

MR HILARY MILLER (Brom... grove and Redditch, C) said th... the eradication of pay beds wou... not eradicate the waiting lists. Pe... ple were being offered a false pro... pectus by the Government.

DR OWEN, Minister of State f... Health (Plymouth, Devonpor... Lab), said that if pay beds we... completely phased out 3,000 bet... would be made available for th... NHS. Most of them were in singl... rooms and some would be availabl... for NHS patients as amenity beds... The bulk would be available t... NHS patients without payment.

The privacy which Labou... valued as much as the Opposition... would be made much more avail... able for everyone in the health... service.

The Opposition motion wa... rejected by 278 votes to 246—... Government majority, 32.

Expert advice that DC10 is safe for flying

MR ASHLEY (Stoke-on-Trent, South, Lab) asked when the Secretary of State for Trade proposed to *give a substantive reply to the* letter sent to him by Mr Ashley on February 18 about the conflict of view between the British Civil Aviation Authority and the United *States Transportation Safety Board* regarding the safety of the DC10 aircraft.

MR SHORE (Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, Lab)—I have been assured by the Civil Aviation Authority, who are responsible for aviation safety, that there is no conflict of view between them and *the Federal Aviation Administration,* the airworthiness authority of the United States, to whom recommendations about the safety of the DC10 have been made by the *National Transportation Safety* Board.

MR ASHLEY—I cannot understand how an assurance can be given to him that there is no con*flict between the Americans and* our CAA because the Americans have specifically called for the DC10 floor to be strengthened and the CAA have not strengthened the *floors of British DC10s. Would he* call for a meeting between American and British officials to sort this problem out?

MR SHORE—The situation is *that the CAA and the FAA are in* close contact on this question of the safety of the DC10. The first and most pressing problem was the door of the DC10 which had to be put right. The CAA satisfied itself *that the changes proposed by the* FAA had been carried out in respect of British DC10s.

Where the matter now rests is that during the intervening months we have had disturbing reports from the United States about the strength of the wide body of the aircraft. It was because of these reports that I specifically requested the *CAA only last month* to put it to our own Airworthiness Requirement Board the question whether in the light of these further reports and evidence they *were still satisfied it was safe to* fly the DC10.

It is only having received their assurance that having reviewed the matter they adhere to that view that I am myself inevitably content with what I believe to be expert and impartial advice.

Parliamentary notices

House of Lords

Today at 2.30: Local Government (Scotland) Bill, consideration of Commons message, Referendum Bill, report stage and third reading, Policyholders Protection Bill, second reading, Motions on Minister Keep (Scotland) Scheme, Highlands and Islands Development Board Area Extension Order, and Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations.

House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Debate on Defence White Paper.

Pan Am could lose operating permit in UK

MR NEUBERT (Havering, Romford, C) asked what plans the Secretary of State for Trade had to make an official visit to the headquarters of the International Air Transport Association in Montreal.

MR CLINTON DAVIS, Under Secretary (Hackney, Central, *Lab)—The Secretary of State has* no plans for an official visit.

MR NEUBERT—If not in person, will he urge IATA by letter to *press on their airlines how much* better it would be if they could have a simplified structure of realistic fares rather than allow the anarchy of a commission war of under-the-counter discounted fares, creating a bonanza for bucket shops?

MR DAVIS—I am aware of the present difficulties presented by Pan Am. My department wrote to Pan Am on April 23 asking them to *give specific and satisfactory* assurances following the unfortunate initiative which they took.

Unfortunately they have not yet given those assurances and this *could—I hope will not,* but could—lead to a possible revocation of their operating permits in this country.

We want to see order in this *situation. The Government will* continue to use their best endeavours to achieve that objective.

Any scheme to protect insurance policy holders removes incentive to be prudent

MR STANLEY (Tonbridge and Malling, C) asked the Secretary of State for Trade what representations he had received from the insurance industry on the Policy Holders Protection Bill.

MR SHORE (Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, Lab)—I have received various representations from organizations representing the insurance companies, the *brokers and the workers in the* insurance industry.

MR STANLEY—In view of the considerable disquiet which has been expressed on both sides of *the House about the underlying* principles of this Bill, why was a decision taken to introduce it in the Lords?

Does Mr Shore retain an open *mind towards the principles of the* Bill and if the insurance industry can convince him of the soundness of its alternative proposals will he be willing to drop the Bill?

MR SHORE—I hope that the House and the Lords will consider the measure on its merits and against the situation which has faced a number of insurance companies during the past year, a situation which we cannot assume has entirely disappeared.

The purpose of the Bill is to give a measure of consumer protection to insurers. The scheme we have put forward will be found on examination to have far less demerit than many people suspect and far more merit than has so far been acknowledged.

MR McCRINDLE (Brentwood and *Ongar, C)—Is it not signif*icant that almost the whole of the insurance industry, including the Co-operative Insurance Society, should be opposed in large mea*sure to the Government's propo*sals.

Is it too late even now for the Secretary of State to try to reach a voluntary agreement with the insurance companies which would achieve the objectives of consumer protection but would at the same time ensure that companies would not be encouraged to offer uneconomic terms to policyholders knowing that if they get into trouble they will be baled out only by the contribution of other policy holders?

MR SHORE—There are genuine weaknesses in the scheme put forward by the insurance industry rather late in the day. I wish they had been persuaded to act at an earlier date. Mr McCrindle's basic objection to my scheme would be the same objection put forward against the industry's own scheme: the whole principle of there being a fall-back guarantee to people who are either unfortunate or unwise enough to invest in unsound or imprudently managed insurance companies.

MR HIGGINS, Opposition spokesman on trade (Worthing, *C)—His only response to the full*-day debate that we had and criticisms made on that occasion was to introduce the Bill in the Lord *rather than in the Commons.*

The Bill as now drafted reduce... *the incentive for people to take ou*... policies with prudent companies. I... is not a question just of protecting ... policyholders but which policy... holders are being protected. It *removes the incentive for people to* select firms which are prudent and leads to a situation where the only thing people will be concerned with is the lowest premium or highest benefit, regardless of the actual risk involved, because they know the Government will bale them out.

MR SHORE—The difficulty is that any scheme for insuring policyholders from the consequences of the collapse of an insurance company contains this danger of removing the fear of unwise investment. *The answer to* that problem is not to say *caveat emptor.* You are dealing with many people with only modest resources who have not necessarily got the best advice. When they get advice often it is mistaken advice.

What Mr Higgins should be urging me, and I would willingl... accept his urging, is to use an develop the powers for regulatin... the industry which I have g... under the last Government's 19... Act to do my utmost to see th... insurance policies and insuran... companies are properly and pr... dently managed.

Importance of training to combat unemployment among young people

MR PRIOR, Opposition spokesman on employment (Lowestoft, C), opening a debate on employment problems and prospects for *school leavers,* said school leavers would bear the brunt of unemployment as it got worse. When unemployment increased, that among young people was more rapid.

When companies got into difficulties the first thing they did was to suspend recruitment. Another *factor was coming in;* as the gap between wage rates paid to young people and the rest of the work force narrowed, the advantages of employing young people *diminished and they had more* trouble in getting jobs.

It seemed to the Opposition that this summer they were likely to face a serious situation among *school leavers, far more serious* than at any time since the war. A bulge of school leavers was coming to the fore and the number in the 15 to 17 year old range would *increase from two million this year* to about 2,750,000 in five years.

The school leavers who suffered most were those of lower educational attainment, coloured *children in particular might* be especially vulnerable. The disadvantaged were first into employment and first out when the going got tough. They were likely in this case to create an embittered group of limited value to society.

When an employer found the going tough he did not employ somebody to make the tea or do *the odd jobs.* For many young people there was the choice this year between staying on at school an extra year or taking a chance on the labour market. If they took *their chance on the labour market* they might become unemployed or drift from job to job.

This was a social situation they could not tolerate. It could lead to *delinquency and moral degradation* and the legacy of a deep recession could remain for ever.

It seemed from the Manpower Services Commission outline strategy that the large scale training effort was to be directed, not so much at school leavers as at those between 24 and 55. It also seemed to be borne out by what Mr Healey had said in the Budget.

They wanted to know whether the money the Chancellor of the *Exchequer had rightly allocated* for additional training this year and in 1976-77 would be allocated to help youngsters as well as the large group the MSC had picked out as being in need of large-scale training.

There seemed to be some doubt whether the last year at school was wasted. It was surprising how *many were* illiterate and innumerate, and perhaps more attention should be paid to that.

They should not spend money on subsidizing existing jobs where the industry was declining and diminishing when there was an opportunity of helping and training and providing new jobs. If socialism was the language of priorities, had the Government their priorities right concerning the spending of cash?

It was a curious language that could spend vast sums on food *subsidies and propping up British* Leyland indefinitely and yet could not find money to help school leavers in training or finding jobs.

There was a lack of an overall strategy. *There was almost an* embarrassment of ideas but a lacking in direction from the Government.

MR BOOTH, Minister of State for Employment (Barrow-in-Furness, Lab), said if the Government *did not spend money on maintain*ing existing jobs the position of those leaving school this summer might be considerably worse.

Mr Prior had referred to the propping up of British Leyland, but this was not merely a propping up operation. It was an operation which was much concerned with putting that firm on a basis of *viability* not only to maintain the jobs of its own extensive work force but many other people working in firms supplying components to that firm and distributing its products.

He could not join with any contention that what the Government were doing to support existing employment was in any way incompatible with a proper concern for the interests of school leavers.

There was strong evidence that employment prospects for school leavers and young people were adversely affected by economic recession to a far greater extent *than the majority of adults.* In British labour practices and labour market there were certain built-in rigidities which affected school leavers to a great extent.

In recent years it had become apparent to those closest to this problem that there was a great gulf between the aspirations of many school leavers and the number of *training opportunities which* existed for them. This was particularly true of those with few or no academic qualifications.

The difficulty of those with no educational qualifications was one of the most worrying aspects of youth employment. The improvement that had come about and was continuing since November, 1972, in the general standard of those leaving school must to some extent help with the solution of this problem.

They could examine to some extent the effectiveness of those services they had to help school *leavers in terms of what* happened to school leavers of the summer 1974. In most cases those school leavers found jobs. Of the 526,000 who left school at the end of the *1974 summer* term only 8,000 were unemployed at the end of the year—1.5 per cent. The total number of young people unemployed in March, including school *leavers,* was 32,000 and this compared favourably with a peak figure of 108,000 in 1972.

It was too early yet to know how this year's Easter school leavers would be absorbed into employment. Employers generally on being approached by careers officers were cautious in saying how they would respond and certainly much more cautious than they had been in more prosperous years.

The initiatives of the Manpower Services Commission and the Training Services Agency were of special importance. The training opportunities scheme had given a second chance to a great many young people who had taken a few years to find a particular area of work which was of interest to them. There had been a tendency *to condemn too readily young* people who did not immediately settle down to a form of work which suited them.

The Government were providing an additional £50m over the next two years for training developments. The scheme already mounted for apprentices to continue their training would be continued and, he hoped, extended. TSA planned to extend direct training facilities so that 4,000 *young people would be able to* undertake training courses in 1976 through its auspices.

The community industry scheme was to be continued to help the *seriously disadvantaged to bridge* the gap between school and normal employment.

There should be a more gradual transition from full-time education to full-time working. There was a need for more day release courses and sandwich courses and for these to be extended to areas of unskilled work to give the unskilled youngster a chance to get academic qualifications while earning their *living and to obtain more satisfy*ing work.

SIR JOHN EDEN (Bournemouth, West, *C*) said work creation schemes organized on a *community* basis might provide an opportunity for constructive work *at a time when, without them,* there might be a vista of unemployment and hopelessness.

The Government could help by reviewing policy towards housing and private housing particularly. This would provide welcome employment for many young people. What consideration had the Government given to service recruitment?

MR URWIN (Houghton-le-Spring, Lab) said his constituency traditionally had one of the highest unemployment rates in the northern region and the northern region had the highest rate throughout the United Kingdom except for Northern Ireland. One thing the region needed was an infusion of clerical and Civil Service jobs.

MR STEEN (Liverpool, Wavertree, C) said the minister had to open up new job potential. He could only do that if he put the onus not on civil servants but on the unemployed. The youth service was run by the middle aged and if jobs were to be carved out, then the young should be allowed to do something. Bureaucracy and controls should be kept to a minimum.

MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab) said when the Clay Cross councillors had tried to do *something practical about unemployment* in their area, the district auditor had surcharged them £30,000. When the Government sent out circulars to local authorities telling them to *mop up unemployment,* he hoped they would also circularize district auditors informing them that local authorities had a right and a duty to do such a thing in order to resolve some of the worst problems of their communities.

MR FREUD (Isle of Ely, L) said employers should take a more realistic view of qualifications. They were based too much on tradition.

MR BULMER (Kidderminster, C) said in his constituency many of the larger employers would say that they could not recruit more people because they could not be certain that they could run their own business with the rate of inflation as it was and the Price Commission operating in the way that it was.

MR BRITTAN (Cleveland and Whitby, C), for the Opposition, said if the young faced unemployment at the outset of their career their attitude towards life could be affected for ever. They could develop anti-social tendencies. The minister should allow recruitment above the 2,000 employee limit in community industry.

MR JOHN FRASER, Under Secretary for Employment (Lambeth, Norwood, Lab), s... the Government were prepar... measures to strengthen and a... lerate the growth of the train... programme, to introduce spe... measures for the training of ... unemployed, and to improve ... efficiency of the employment ... vice, and to provide additional ... centives for job mobility.

In case unemployment increa... sharply a contingency plan ... being considered for special ... ments to firms in areas of ... unemployment if they were ... pared to defer planned redun... cies.

The Manpower Services Com... sion were undertaking ... detailed contingency planning ... scheme of job creation.

The MSC initiative was ... undertaken with the knowled... the Government but without ... mitment by the Government a... stage. When the plans were ... pleted they would report to ... ters who would then take a ... sion about the viability of th... creation and when it woul... appropriate to put it into effe...

He hoped the House woul... take too gloomy a view abo... opportunities for school leave... was estimated at the present ... there were about 5,000 ... whose duration of unemplo... had been six months or mo... about 1,000 three months or ... Almost all those affected by ... term unemployment left ... without any recognized educ... qualifications.

About half the school pop... left without qualifications ar... were the most at risk. Tha... sage should be heeded by s... parents and pupils. Failu... achieve at school was a sta... indictment on the British ... tion system. Such failure ... serious handicaps in employ...

One came back to the p... tion that to get some basic ... cation at school was an im... guarantee against unemploy...

Girls were vulnerable to ... unemployment because ... opportunities became mo... tricted.

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Fashion

by Prudence Glynn

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that makes American different from ours?" Tinling, who, as one lesigners we have pro- will have a place in ry, decimates our store aves to live in Phila- this year. "It's the total ion of the thing", he ving raw onions which up at the age of 65 reventative (the other eatment being "giving ie players"). Since his miliar form must be ew fixed points of his g customers' peripate- ey may need to club find some cure less both its aspects. In is a star, here he has ame, one feels, through ure as immutable as tself.

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He sees you as an s none of this sense ce which the salesman the customer isn't at ould this explain the ems for stores in this certainly matches Bob alysis of the difference historical path of urope and America. shops grew slowly to few and privileged, ly gradually to many ustomers, and they are all personal service whatever their real In America, merchants mselves first genera- ts confronted a huge, et with all sorts of me but one final goal mes meant nothing, all.

s spirit of merchanting implicit in Stanley *Minding the Store*, lished by Elm Tree rsday this week (the Mr Marcus will be in Harrods Central that day between 11

us of Dallas, Texas, in most minds with the dreams of most the oil rich clientele ds it. In fact, as Mr sentence cakes clear, ravagance and cachet through many hard belief so stunningly apparently naive that *it might have been invented by a well-intentioned consumer protection society.* "There is never a good sale for Neiman-Marcus unless it's a good buy for the customer", Herbert Marcus told everybody in sight including his son, and he really operated the store which he founded with his sister and her husband in preference to taking up the option for Missouri or Kansas state on a new product called Coca-Cola.

In 1907, as Paul Poiret warmed himself for the assault on the world of fashion in Paris, Carrie Marcus Neiman, Al Neiman and Herbert Marcus announced the opening of "the New and Exclusive Shopping Place for Fashionable Women, devoted to the selling of Ready-to-Wear Apparel". Unfortunately only Mr Neiman was on the doorstep to greet the customers, since his wife had recently had an operation and Herbert Marcus had typhoid fever. However, having recovered, she from the op and he from the fever, the trio managed to revolutionize the ready-to-wear business by their confidence and by persuading manufacturers to upgrade their merchandise rather than to skimp and save internally on prices to sell a few more shoddy goods for which the customer never came back. One has to remember that unlike Europe, the American fashion industry so founded on the ability to produce, rather than to create, because very early on the revolts of the sweated labour formed unions which however profitable for their members, mitigated against the small, individualistic ateliers in which creative design, flexibility of style, is possible. It was in fact in 1909 that 20,000 female workers in the garment industry staged a historic strike.

Minding the Store is eminently readable both as a personal memoir of a charming man, a great friend of the late Hans Juda, who was brought up in the hot seat of pioneer store development and as an outline of modern American fashion history.

The most widely read chapter will, I suppose, be that on the store's famous and amazing Christmas gift catalogue, though I have to say that I was deeply upset not to find my own favourite Neiman-Marcus story, which was of an offer of a live steer "gift-wrapped as best we may", which conjured up the most exquisite visions of striped-panted floorwalkers pursuing a frisky beast through the Byzantine marble halls and hanging gardens the indomitable Mr Marcus saw fit to use as a backdrop of his merchandise.

There are tremendously interesting chapters for the initiated on the buying processes of the store, and some shrewd and not at all kid-gloved assessments of the relative talents of American and other designers, though it should be added that Mr Marcus, as I have said a very nice man, is harsher about the dead than those he might meet tomorrow in the lift.

He tells of the war time period, when, of all ironies, young Stanley Marcus, arch-importer of the newest thing, was put in charge of the nation's efforts to conserve labour and materials by stultifying fashion.

He headed the committee which in 1942 was to work out the "General Limitation Order L 85", known forever as L 85, which restricted both the amount of cloth to be used in a garment and the permissible deviations in outline.

"There will be no stagnation in fashion designing as a result of these rulings", Mr Marcus *quotes* Lew Hahn, general manager of the National Retail Dry Goods Association, as saying at the time. Indeed, it was the moment at which American native designers might have been expected to make a breakthrough, for unlike any previous war, fashion news from Europe was quite dislocated. There are those, however, who lay at Stanley Marcus' door the charge that he did in fact stultify fashion, that world rank names such as Adrian and McCardell were squashed under a huge continent of dull styling, and that for this reason when the war ended and Dior showed the New Look, the entire industry over-reacted and America was in Paris' thrall again. It seems hard to be blamed for doing too good a job in the national interest, but that's fashion.

But then, the American retailing system is built on exclusivity and on promotions which encourage an already lavish consumer to consume more. For promotions you need names, for names you need bezazz, something foreign, something exotic, *and the Europeans were delighted to* provide it, whether in the form of titled designers or irresistible authority of taste. If no one knows where you bought your merchandise no one else can get it and no one knows what you paid for it; you can mark it up as you see fit (though only recently three top stores have been indicted for maintaining between themselves what the state sees as an unacceptably fixed price structure).

Most broadly interesting about *Minding the Store* must be the difference in attitudes to shop keeping on the two sides of the Atlantic which it shows. But it may be that difference in attitudes is too much at the top of my mind. When I was in New York recently I noticed that the film of 200 years of American fashion was partly sponsored by the great and powerful International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Trade is not brisk over there, so those with a vested interest in fashion invest in a promotion to make it brisker. Very interesting. The British textile trade is not very gay at the moment, but so far all I have been lobbied to support are quota systems on imported goods. As it happens, I could do with some money to underwrite what I consider to be the most important fashion show Britain can do just now. Doubtless if Mr Marcus were head of a British concern, he would give it to me—or might the Garment Workers Union?





● Shown here are outfits by two of Italy's outstanding designers, Walter Albini and Cadette, from their ready-to-wear collections.

● Left: Walter Albini for Trell, exclusively for Elle Italian Shops. A beautifully tailored *gaberdine blazer teamed with gaberdine* culottes which are pleated into the waist, and a sleeveless striped top.
Blazer £80 approx in navy & white. Culottes £39.90, navy, white & pale blue. Top £19.50. "T" strap shoes by Francoise Villion £37.50. All *available from* their new Italian Shops at 12 New Bond Street, London, W1 & 21 Sloane Street, London, SW1, which will be open in two weeks' time.

● Above: Cadette at Columns, the main stockist in London, 43 New Bond Street, London, W1. *White lawn petticoat trimmed with embroidery* anglaise. Worn under a hand printed, tiny flower design, skirt of beige and rust and belted at the waist. Beige linen sun-top and linen jacket lined with the same floral print, and scarf to match. Complete outfit £180. Petticoat and sun-hat (*not* shown) may be bought separately. Sizes 8-14. Other colour, lavender & rust. "T" strap shoes. £37.50 from Elle.

● Photographs by Dick Polak.

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locutory injunctions: call for clarification

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ships dismissed an appeal by solicitors es & Son, of Church stow, London, from naldson's refusal to ction to restrain Mr an Fisher, of Chingly a conveyancing employ, from being erested or concerned rofession within the t of Walthamstow d, within the terms covenant made with irm while he was in ent.

Turner-Samuels, QC, *e Ford for Fellowes*; r for Mr Fisher.

ER OF THE ROLLS years ago Fellowes isher as an assistant. of his work was for g or buying small probate. In 1972, in made him to stay, ered Mr Fisher a but required him to written agreement for thereafter determin- months' notice on t said expressly that yed as a conveyanc- te clerk; and it con- ictive clause, in case firm, that he would years after determin- employment "(a) be erested or concerned profession within the ts of Walthamstow d" or (b) solicit any dy who had been a llowes while he was

tal districts were an s long and two miles population of 150,000. ent was renewed in for one year certain er from year to year. 1974, Mr Fisher left er giving notice and ctors in Fleet Street. later he heard of a h solicitors who had Walthamstow and also Woodford and West- e Walthamstow office e next street from nly 150 yards away. very properly, told rs, Amhurst Brown, estrictive clause. They d by counsel that it rceable, so they told at they were going to Fisher, and he started s a conveyancing assist- ber 28. Within a week ued a writ against Mr applied for an interim ro restrain him from ause (a) by working the specified postal the legal profession. Donaldson refused the ecause he thought the of doubtful validity. pealed.

was of a kind familiar to the courts and on the accustomed approach the question would be whether the clause was prima facie valid. If yes it would be enforced; otherwise not. His Lordship doubted whether clause (a) was valid—five years restriction in a densely populated area of 12 square miles might well be too long and too wide for a young man who had worked only in the conveyancing department and had a term of only one year certain for employment with Fellowes. The words would prevent his being employed in the legal department of a local authority, or by a company, or as assistant to a justices' clerk—all situations in which he could not possibly affect Fellowes's practice.

As the covenant was prima facie invalid his Lordship would not, according to the usual practice of the courts, grant an interlocutory injunction which would prevent the young man from earning his living where and with whom he chose. If it were prima facie valid his Lordship would have been prepared to grant the injunction and a speedy trial if the parties so desired.

But practically all such cases did not go to trial. The parties accepted the court's prima facie view. That practice seemed sensible and convenient, enabling the parties to adjust their differences speedily and cheaply instead of having a trial which might be long and expensive.

Mr Turner-Samuels, however, had submitted that the courts had to throw overboard all their accustomed practice because by the recent House of Lords decision *—American Cyanamid Co v Ethicon Ltd* (*The Times*, February 6; [1975] 2 WLR 316) the courts had no longer to ask whether a plaintiff had made out a prima facie case, but only whether there was a serious question to be tried; and if there was, the court should act so as to preserve the status quo.

In the present case there was no doubt a serious question to be tried as to the validity of the restraint. The status quo, in view of the date when Mr Fisher started with Amhurst Brown and the date of the writ was that he was employed in Fleet Street: and it was to be preserved by preventing him from working for Amhurst Brown or any other firm in the stated postal districts, even though the clause was of doubtful validity.

The Cyanamid case had been decided in February. The court had already had two cases in which its effect had been canvassed. It had perplexed the profession and been criticized in the law journals, so much so that counsel had appealed for guidance.

Cyanamid was a patent case in which the patent owner sought an interlocutory injunction to restrain an *alleged infringement* by the defendant. After a three-day hearing Mr Justice Graham followed the usual practice, held that the plaintiff had made out a prima facie case, and on balance of convenience granted an interlocutory injunction. The Court of Appeal followed the usual practice and after an eight-day hearing refused the injunction. The plaintiff appealed to the House of Lords, where it was estimated that the hearing would be at least 12 days.

The House were clearly appalled by the prospect of hearing an interlocutory appeal for 12 days, so their Lordships disposed of it in three days. They held that there were serious questions to be tried and on balance of convenience the right course was to grant the injunction and maintain the status quo until the trial. No one could cavil at that decision.

The difficulty had arisen because statements in the case appeared to undermine all that the courts had previously understood. The previous understanding of the profession was that to invoke the aid of the court and get an interlocutory injunction the plaintiff had to make out a prima facie case that he had a good chance of winning at the trial. If he did that, the court would go on to consider whether on balance of convenience it was better to grant an injunction or not to do so.

Statements of principle over the past 100 years supported that practice. The clearest and fullest was made in *J. T. Stratford & Son Ltd v Lindley* ([1965] AC 269) when the House of Lords, after considering conflicting affidavits and having five days of argument, reversed the Court of Appeal, on the very point, that a prima facie case had been established, and granted an interlocutory injunction. Lord Upjohn said (at p 338): "The principles which ought to guide your Lordships seem to me clear. An appellant seeking an interlocutory injunction must establish a prima facie case of some breach of duty to him . . . an injunction may be granted if it is just and convenient so to do, the remedy being purely discretionary. The balance of convenience in these cases is always of great importance. . . ." All the other members of the House applied the same test.

By contrast, in the *Cyanamid* case the House referred to "the supposed rule" that the plaintiff *must* establish a prima facie case and went on to say that the House "should take this opportunity of declaring that there is no such rule . . ." and that though the court must be satisfied on applications for temporary relief that there was a serious question to be tried, "it is no part of the court's function at this stage of the litigation to try to resolve conflicts of evidence on affidavit as to facts on which the claims of either party may ultimately depend, nor to decide difficult questions of law. . . . These are matters to be dealt with at the trial."

His Lordship found it impossible to reconcile that statement with *Stratford*. Yet the House did not even mention *Stratford*. His Lordship did not like to suggest that it was per incuriam. The last time he made so bold as to make such a suggestion—in *Broome v Cassell & Co* ([1971] 2 QB 354)—it had been regarded as a piece of *lèse-majesté*. The House of Lords never did anything per incuriam. So what were the courts to do with two irreconcilable statements of principle by the House?

Another point of contrast was that previously the profession had *understood* that on an interlocutory injunction the court looked not only at the plaintiff's case but also at the defendant's case—to see whether he might have a good answer. But now, on his Lordship's reading of the *Cyanamid* pronouncement, it was not proper to have regard to the relative strength of each party's case, save as a last resort.

Where was the reconciliation to be found? Only in this. The House did say in *Cyanamid* "There may be many other special factors to be taken into consideration . . . in the particular circumstances of individual cases". That pointed the way. The individual cases were numerous and important. They were all the cases where it was urgent and imperative to come to a decision—so that the court had to make an estimate of the relative strength of each party's case. Sometimes the court virtually decided the case at the interlocutory stage; at other times it gave such good guidance that the parties settled.

There were instances from many fields of law. His Lordship listed eight, nearly all leading cases, on industrial disputes where there was a strike, with picketing, blacking and the like, and the plaintiffs sought an interlocutory injunction because their business was being injured. The court invariably assessed the relative strength of each party's case, and granted or refused an injunction, giving their reasons; and that was an end of the matter; the case never went to trial. Similarly there were decisions on breaches of confidence, covenants in restraint of trade, passing off cases, commercial cases, where the grant or refusal of an interlocutory injunction virtually decided the case.

There was another way out. *Cyanamid did say that* "if the extent of the uncompensatable disadvantage to each party would not differ widely, it may not be improper to take into account, in tipping the balance, the relative strength of each party's case". There were many cases in which either party could suffer great disadvantages which could not be adequately compensated in damages. In all those it was permissible to consider the relative strength of each party's case.

His Lordship thought the present was one of those "individual cases" in which the courts should go by the principles stated in *Stratford* rather than those in *Cyanamid*. The plaintiffs had not sufficiently made out a prima facie case that clause (a) was valid, and the defendant had put forward legitimate reasons for thinking it was invalid. For that *reason alone the injunction should* be refused.

Further, it was a case of "uncompensatable disadvantages" where damages on either side would not be an adequate remedy. If the clause was valid, and no injunction granted, the plaintiffs would find it difficult to prove their damage and, if proved, to recover. If the clause was invalid and yet an injunction was granted, it would be difficult to assess the damages recoverable by the defendant. He would have lost a good job with excellent prospects. Even if he got another job with like *wages it would be difficult* to assess the difference in terms of prospects and happiness.

In view of those uncompensatable disadvantages the proper course was to have regard to the relative strength of each party's case and as the clause was of doubtful validity there should not be an interlocutory injunction. His Lordship would uphold the judge's decision and refuse the injunction.

LORD JUSTICE BROWNE said that in his experience as a Queen's Bench judge in chambers it had always been assumed that the correct approach to an application for an interlocutory injunction had been that stated by Lord Upjohn in *Stratford*. In *Cyanamid* his Lordship thought that the House had held that that approach was wrong. The approach in *Stratford* —not apparently cited in *Cyanamid*—seemed to his Lordship inconsistent with the later case. But he did not think that the court was faced with inconsistent decisions of the House: in *Stratford* the House adopted without argument what was common ground between counsel, while in *Cyanamid* there was a direct decision. Their Lordships were therefore bound to follow and apply the *Cyanamid* decision.

They had been told and could see for themselves that it had caused difficulties and uncertainties and had been asked to give guidance on how it should be applied. But that was a matter for the House, and his Lordship could only hope that there might soon be an opportunity for the House to do so.

Applying the *principles stated* by Lord Diplock in the *Cyanamid* case, so far as applicable to the present case, the plaintiffs satisfied the first requirement: there was a serious question to be tried. Lord Diplock's "governing principle" [relating to damages as an *adequate remedy*] *did not* apply because there was no evidence of what damage, if any, the plaintiffs would suffer if the injunction was refused, nor any evidence about Mr Fisher's means.

Lord Diplock's second principle would only apply if damages would be an adequate remedy to the plaintiffs, and as that was not established it did not arise. Anyhow there was no evidence whether or not damages would be an adequate remedy for Mr Fisher if an injunction was granted and he succeeded at the trial. He would have to stop working at the Walthamstow office of his present employers and there was no evidence whether they would continue to employ him elsewhere.

The balance of convenience was in favour of refusing an interlocutory injunction. If it were granted Mr Fisher would lose his *present job and might have difficu*lty in getting work with other solicitors while the action was hanging over him. Because of his wife's health he wanted to work somewhere near his home. There was no clear evidence that Fellowes would suffer any, still less irreparable, damage, if the injunction were refused.

If it was "not improper" in the present case to take into account the relative strengths of the parties' cases, his Lordship's view on the material before the court was that the strength of Fellowes's case was not "*disproportionate*" to that of Mr Fisher. His Lordship's provisional view was that Mr Fisher was the more likely to succeed.

SIR JOHN PENNYCUICK, though deciding that it must be the duty of the Court of Appeal to follow the actual decision of the House in *Cyanamid*, said that so far as *his own experience in* the Chancery Division went the court habitually proceeded on the lines indicated by Lord Upjohn in *Stratford*, and that procedure had operated quite satisfactorily. But the principles laid down in *Cyanamid* were expressly stated to be of general application.

The decision did present difficulties. It might be that the House did not have all classes of case in mind in the patent action before them—for instance, those where immediate judicial interference was essential and in which the court could not do justice without to some extent considering the merits.

His Lordship then endeavoured to apply the *Cyanamid* principles to what he considered a borderline case and said that he would welcome further guidance from the House of Lords on the application of the principles to a restriction like that in the present case.

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No sewers—no sewage rates

Daymond v Plymouth City Council and Another
Before Mr Justice Phillips

A water authority constituted under the Water Act, 1973, has no power to exact payment in respect of sewerage and sewage disposal services from a householder whose premises are not connected to its sewers.

His Lordship, in a reserved judgment, so decided when granting Mr Philip Arthur John Daymond, whose property in Plymstock, Devon, is not connected to the main drainage and is 400 yards from the nearest sewer, a declaration that Plymouth City Council were not empowered lawfully to demand from him unpaid charges of £4.89 in respect of sewage disposal services on behalf of the South West Water Authority, under section 30(1) of the Water Act, 1973, paragraph 5(2)(c) of Schedule 6 to the Act, or the Water Authorities (Collection of Charges) Order, 1974.

His Lordship gave a certificate enabling the defendants to appeal direct to the House of Lords.

Mr David Kemp, QC, and Mr Anthony Guest for Mr Daymond; Mr Michael Mann, QC, and Mr *Michael Harrison for the defen*dants.

MR JUSTICE PHILLIPS said that if the defendants were entitled to make the charges, the water authority could exact payments from a householder whose premises were so far from the *nearest sewer* that there was no practical possibility of their ever being connected to a sewer, and a householder in remotest Dartmoor would be liable for payments in the same way as a householder in the middle of Plymouth.

It was a test case, and the result would affect all water authorities and most hereditaments not connected to their sewers.

Section 30(1) of the Water Act provided: ". . . a water authority shall have power to fix, and to demand, take and recover such charges for the services performed, facilities provided or rights made available by *them (including* separate charges for separate services, facilities or rights or combined charges for a number of services, facilities or rights) as they think fit." There was no doubt that the wide words "as they think fit" left it unclear who was to be charged: was it to be all householders, particular householders, any resident in the water authority's area, or persons outside the area?

Both counsel finally agreed that there was an implied limitation in the section to the right to charge, confining it to the per*sons for whom the services were* performed and the facilities provided, and to whom the rights were available: no charge could be made under section 30(1) for water supply, or for sewerage or sewage disposal, unless the person to be charged was actually in receipt of them.

His Lordship accepted that submission, but it should be remembered, to avoid confusion in other cases, that there would still be instances where a person might be chargeable although he was not the person actually receiving the services. An owner rather than the occupier of a *hereditament* might be chargeable, and some services, such as pollution prevention, were of such general character *that all residents* could be considered the persons for whom they were performed. Further the defendants disclaimed any argument to the effect that a "service was performed" for a person when a sewer existed sufficiently near his premises to enable them to be connected thereto, although, in fact, they were not.

It followed from that construction of section 30(1) that demands for sewerage charges could not be justified under it. The defendants contended that the demands were made in accordance with the provisions of the Water Authorities (Collection of Charges) Order, 1974, but Mr Daymond submitted that the Order was ultra vires.

The Order required the rating authority (Plymouth City Council) to collect for the water authority a charge for sewerage and sewage disposal from every person liable to pay the general rate for an hereditament occupied by him. Thus the effect of the Order was to charge occupiers of ratable hereditaments whether or not they were connected to sewers, and whether or not sewers were available. That was an entirely *different method of charging from* that authorized by section 30(1) and was inconsistent with it.

The Order purported to be made by virtue of section 34(1) of the 1973 Act, section 254 of the Local Government Act, 1972, and Part I of Schedule 6 to the 1973 Act. *Paragraph 5(2)(c) of the Schedule*, on which the defendants relied, provided for "the calculation, collection and recovery on behalf of a water authority by a local authority during a transitional period of amounts payable in respect of services provided in the *local authority's area by the water* authority . . .".

The length of the transitional period was unspecified, and the defendants' case was that paragraph 5(2)(c) expressly empowered the Secretary of State to make an Order the effect of which would be for the duration of the transitional period of reorganization of water authorities, to charge for the services irrespective of whether the person charged received the services. That was a basis wholly contradictory to that prescribed by section 30(1).

Mr Daymond's case was that paragraph 5(2)(c) was a machinery provision making it possible for the duration of the transitional period for a local authority to be required to act on behalf of the water authority in the calculation, collection and recovery of charges; but that that provision did not *affect and was subject to section* 30(1).

Before the 1973 Act householders not connected to sewers none the less contributed to their cost. The defendants conceded that the effect of section 30(1) would be to end that system, once the substantive provisions of the Act were applied in practice, but in the meanwhile paragraph 5(2)(c) preserved the old system for a transitional period.

Mr Kemp relied strongly on the principle of construction requiring clear words to justify the imposition of a tax, toll, or financial charge. But the question was not whether a charge was to be imposed, but who was to be charged. Nevertheless, it seemed to his Lordship that where an Act provided a coherent scheme, including the imposition of charges for services rendered, it *required clear words to justify the* conclusion that the transitional provisions introduced a variation contradictory to the basic principles on which that scheme was constructed. It was a question of what the words meant.

Mr Mann stressed the word "calculation" and "amounts payable in respect of services provided in the local authority's area", in paragraph 5(2)(c). That, he submitted, was a deliberate choice of language to show that attention was focused on services provided, intentionally disregarding the person for whom they were performed. Mr Kemp said that the words were shorthand for all the expressions used in section 30(1).

Mr Mann submitted that "calculation", taken in conjunction with the other words, empowered the local authority to determine who should pay, irrespective of the principles prescribed by section 30(1). Mr Kemp submitted that that interpretation gave a false meaning to "calculation".

His Lordship did not think that the meaning of "calculation" supported Mr Mann's argument. "Calculation" was the ascertainment of the amount chargeable, not of the person to be charged. Even if the local authority was required to act on behalf of the water authority according to the principles of section 30(1), it would still have to do calculations.

The words "services provided" in paragraph 5(2)(c) formed the basis of Mr Mann's argument. According to that, it was those words especially which justified and were intended to justify the local authority, on behalf of the water authority, being required to adopt a different basis of chargeability from that prescribed by section 30(1). His Lordship found it a most obscure way of expressing what could have been indicated plainly, in simple language, if that was the intention. It was impossible for his Lordship to say that he was satisfied that paragraph 5(2)(c) clearly had the meaning for which the defendants contended.

Was the language, without distortion, capable of any useful meaning? His Lordship thought it was. To paraphrase "the Secretary of State may make an Order requiring the calculation (sc: computation), collection and recovery by the local authority on behalf of the water authority of amounts payable in respect of services provided by the water authority in the area of the local authority." There was nothing to show that the Secretary of State was empowered to lay down a basis of chargeability different from that prescribed in section 30(1).

In his Lordship's view the 1974 Order, in so far as it sought to charge members of the public who would not be chargeable under section 30(1), was not justified by section 254 of the Local Government Act, 1972, as modified, and to that extent was ultra vires. Section 30(1) was not drafted with explicit clarity. Had it been expressed in plain terms, it would have been much more difficult for the defendants to have contended that the transitional provisions, as drafted, had a contradictory meaning. If section 30(1) had been plain, no one would have supposed *that paragraph 5(2)(c) meant* something quite different, unless it had expressly said so. Taking the language of the Act as it was, Mr Daymond was entitled to succeed and to the declaration sought.

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Cricket

Umpires kept busy on an unusual day

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

HOVE: Middlesex (3 pts) beat Sussex by five wickets.

This was more than just another Benson and Hedges match. It was played, for one thing, on quite a fast pitch, on a ground which was waterlogged less than a fortnight ago. For another, of the 15 wickets to fall no fewer than 12 went to umpiring decisions. Up to a point it was exciting too, with the bowlers in control until after tea, when Featherstone and Murray saw them off.

The two umpires to have such a field day were Cook, a bowler in his time, and Budd, more a batsman than a bowler when he played for Hampshire. Although he is past 60 now, Budd has a growing reputation as one of our soundest umpires. I sometimes think of Cook that he never lets himself forget that a bowler's lot is not an easy one. Of yesterday's eight leg-before decisions Cook could claim six. The pitch not only had pace; the ball moved about a certain amount as well, not least because of a high wind. That, and the fact that until Murray and Featherstone got together batting was not of a high standard, was why the umpires were kept so busy.

Needing 102 to win Middlesex lost the wickets of Smith, Barlow, Brearley and Radley for 27 in 18 overs. In his first eight overs Spencer took one for nine. For the first time this season, so I was told, Snow ran up to bowl as though he meant it. Until now he had been operating off a shortened run, beneath several sweaters. Yesterday, down the wind and down the slope, he worked up a fair pace. He bowled Smith behind his legs in his second over, and had Barlow leg before in his third. When Radley was also leg before, 14 wickets had fallen in the day for 128 runs.

With 75 still to get and not much batting to come, Middlesex were still a long way from winning. By the time Murray was next out they had nearly won. After anxious beginnings he and Featherstone started suddenly to make it look not a bowlers' game, or an umpires' game, but a batsmen's game. This of course is Murray's way, on his day, and Featherstone has a greater talent than his record would ever suggest. The on side strokes with which he took Middlesex to victory had everything—conviction, style and timing.

For Sussex the first wicket partnership had been the best, Morley and Buss making 24 together before the umpires got to work. The only Sussex player not to be caught at the wicket or leg before was Mansell. Morley and Faber were both caught down the leg side by Murray, standing back; Buss chased a wide one; Greig relied too much on reach, not enough on footwork. The only strokes came from Morley, in the early overs, and from Greig, who began almost too well for his own good.

After Lamb, Vernon and Selvey had taken the first six wickets, Edmonds and Titmus took three of the last four. If movement off the seam helped the medium pacers, Edmonds and Titmus took their wickets with swing rather than spin. With Cook rather than Brooks or Bailhache to interpret the leg before law, Titmus would not have faded from the picture in Australia as he did. His floater, starting life outside the leg stump but destined to hit middle and leg or middle, takes a lot of wickets in England against batsmen hitting across the line.

It must be some years since there were three university Blues (Selvey and Edmonds, of Cambridge, and Lamb, of Oxford) in the same Middlesex attack. Peebles, Robins and Owen-Smith, although they all bowled leg breaks, would probably have played together. When Allen was in the side there might even have been two Oxonians and two Cantabs. Yesterday Edmonds kept the batsmen pinned down, more with accuracy than flight or spin, and Selvey and Lamb both moved the ball about a little and kept going well. With Snow slipping himself it was a day when the bowlers were conspicuous by their effort and the strokemakers conspicuous by their absence—until Murray and Featherstone appeared.

SUSSEX

M. A. Buss, c Murray, b Vernon	5
J. D. Morley, c Murray, b Lamb	26
M. J. J. Faber, c Murray, b Vernon	9
P. J. Graves, l-b-w, b Lamb	7
*A. W. Greig, c Murray, b Selvey	15
A. E. W. Parsons, l-b-w, b Selvey	9
†A. W. Mansell, c Edmonds, b Vernon	5
J. A. Snow, l-b-w, b Edmonds	1
C. E. Waller, l-b-w, b Titmus	3
J. Spencer, l-b-w, b Titmus	4
C. P. Phillipson, not out	0
Extras (b 3, l-b 4, w 2, n-b 8)	17
Total (33.4 overs)	101

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—24, 2—39, 3—55, 4—65, 5—86, 6—87, 7—90, 8—94, 9—99.

BOWLING: Vernon, 11—1—33—3; Selvey, 9—3—26—2; Lamb, 7—1—18—2; Edmonds, 6—4—7—1; Titmus, 2.4—2—0—2.

MIDDLESEX

M. J. Smith, b Snow	0
G. D. Barlow, l-b-w, b Snow	6
*J. M. Brearley, l-b-w, b Greig	4
C. T. Radley, l-b-w, b Spencer	3
N. G. Featherstone, not out	56
†J. T. Murray, b Phillipson	26
P. H. Edmonds, not out	7
Extras (b 1, n-b 2)	3
Total (5 wkts, 42.1 overs)	106

F. J. Titmus, T. M. Lamb, M. W. W. Selvey, M. J. Vernon did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—5, 2—8, 3—11, 4—26, 5—80.

BOWLING: Snow, 10.1—2—19—2; Spencer, 11—1—14—1; Phillipson, 8—1—33—1; Greig, 8—3—10—1; Buss, 3—0—16—0; Waller, 2—0—10—0.

Umpires: W. L. Budd and C. Cook.



Norman Featherstone, who, with the help of Murray, made it a batsmen's game and took Middlesex to victory.

Bairstow plays big part in Yorkshire's victory

By Gerry Harrison

BRADFORD: Yorkshire (3 pts) beat Derbyshire by 60 runs.

Out of this subdued Benson and Hedges Cup match which had one memorable batting performance, two good wicketkeepers, a couple of strangely dropped catches and some steady bowling displays, Yorkshire emerged comfortable winners. It was their wicketkeeper Bairstow, who pocketed the man of the match award, not only for the five catches he took, the last of which equalled the record for this tournament and was the best of the bunch.

When Stevenson fell to another catch by the Derby wicketkeeper Taylor, not for the first time depriving Sharpe of action at first slip, Yorkshire were tottering at 111 for seven with 10 overs of their quota remaining. Sometimes they had tripped over their own feet, more often they were kept to heel by a useful looking Derby attack. At this stage the warm spot of a bright but cool day for the locals had been Boycott's morning show. Having won the toss and decided to put himself in to bat, he proceeded to collect five fours and a six in his 51 made out of a total of 65. Naturally, there were moments to savour in that package, particularly some drives and footwork.

What stood out was the contrast between his ability and those who came after him on both sides with one or two exceptions. Boycott fell to good work by Taylor off the bowling of Swarbrook who was the most penetrating of the bowlers. In his first spell of 7—3—9—2 he gave even Boycott problems and Hendrick had bowled aggressively without luck but plenty of quality.

That, in fact, was the high point of Derbyshire's day and thereafter, Yorkshire first put together a respectable score, then nibbled away hungrily at batsmen set a target of three an over and always behind the clock.

Bairstow had a hand in both acts. He and Cooper added 25 in six overs before Cooper was dismissed by a superb running catch by Page on the boundary. Then Bairstow pushed the score up another 27 runs in the remaining five overs. Not the stuff of heroes and giant killers perhaps but it put a half Nelson on Derby.

The visitors began badly and only once looked liked recovering. Hedley was beaten by the pace of Old's first ball, survived the appeal, yet fell to the same trick with the next ball. Sharpe, quickly thrown into a situation where he could prove a point to his former employers, scored two runs only and left with eight on the board.

Thus Harvey-Walker and Page were saddled with a rescue situation. They did a reasonable job and Harvey-Walker's 31 included six fours, five of them cleanly struck through the covers. When he was 23 he hit a skier off Nicholson to Boycott which surprisingly was dropped. Up went the 50 to the accompaniment of much band blowing by the Yorkshire captain.

When Harvey-Walker left it was Bairstow and Stevenson who took the credit. In the same over, with Stevenson moving the ball off the seam, Bolus fell to the same combination. One run and one over later Bairstow, somewhat controversially, bagged Swarbrook and at 60 for five in 28 overs it was now a question of time. Page, who spent 42 overs to pile up his 37 runs, stretched things out in the evening sun.

But among the closing ceremony highlights was another dropped catch by Boycott off a more difficult chance this time, a fine catch by Bairstow dismissing Russell to equal that record and a storming finish by Nicholson; by taking the last three wickets in the forty-seventh over he ended with the excellent figures of five for 24.

YORKSHIRE

*G. Boycott, st Taylor, b Swarbrook	51
R. G. Lumb, run out	7
C. Johnson, c Bolus, b Swarbrook	5
C. M. Old, c Page, b Russell	16
J. H. Hampshire, l-b-w, b Rhodes	18
B. Leadbeater, c Taylor, b Rhodes	8
†D. L. Bairstow, not out	31
G. B. Stevenson, c Taylor, b Ward	0
H. P. Cooper, c Page, b Ward	17
A. G. Nicholson, not out	2
Extras (b 1, l-b 6)	7
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	162

A. L. Robinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—37, 2—64, 3—65, 4—86, 5—106, 6—109, 7—111, 8—135.

BOWLING: Hendrick, 11—3—18—0; Ward, 11—1—38—2; Russell, 11—3—51—1; Swarbrook, 11—3—16—2; Rhodes, 11—2—32—2.

DERBYSHIRE

R. G. A. Headley, l-b-w, b Old	0
P. J. Sharpe, c Bairstow, b Nicholson	2
M. H. Page, b Nicholson	37
A. J. Harvey-Walker, c Bairstow, b Stevenson	31
*J. B. Bolus, c Bairstow, b Stevenson	0
F. W. Swarbrook, c Bairstow, b Cooper	0
†R. W. Taylor, b Stevenson	15
P. E. Russell, c Bairstow, b Nicholson	3
A. Ward, b Nicholson	3
M. J. Hendrick, not out	1
H. J. Rhodes, b Nicholson	0
Extras (l-b 9, n-b 1)	10
Total (46 overs)	102

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—8, 3—[illegible], 4—59, 5—60, 7—94, 8—101, [illegible]—102.

BOWLING: Old, 8—2—23—1; Stevenson, 10—3—14—3; Nicholson, 11—2—23—[illegible]; Cooper, [illegible]—1—12—1; Robinson, 7—1—19—0; Leadbeater, 0.2—0—0—0.

Umpires: B. J. Meyer and R. Aspinall.

Second XI competition

RUGBY: Warwickshire, 214 for 3 dec (R. N. Abberley 77, J. W. Whitehouse 60); Leicestershire, 201 for 4 dec (P. Clift 87 no, A. Cross 82 no).

WALLATON: Northamptonshire, 248 for 3 dec (W. Larkin 112 no); Nottinghamshire, 238 for 6 (N. Nanan 62, J. Cook 57), 60 overs.

CHEPSTOW: Glamorgan, 247 for 5 dec; Somerset, 136 for 1.

Lancashire's confidence flows like the tide

By Alan Gibson

NOTTINGHAM: Lancashire (3 pts) beat Nottinghamshire by nine wickets.

"We have seen a lot of exciting cricket in the Benson and Hedges Cup", said a representative from the firm (and no one would dispute it), "and today's match", he went on, bravely, "has been no exception." It must be a tricky job to speak for Benson and Hedges in Nottingham, especially when Nottinghamshire have taken a trouncing, even more especially the day after Nottinghamshire have won a resounding victory in the competition organized by that other tobacco company.

From the window of my hotel bedroom I can see Nottingham Castle, and in the dusk imagine I can see that old familiar bearded sailor in front of it. Last night he seemed to be giving a superior smile to the backs of the retreating Benson and Hedges cohorts, as an equable but hardened drinker might dismiss a mission from the Band of Hope.

The cricket was not without interest, but the match was one-sided. After the first few overs it was hard to doubt that Lancashire would win. Although Nottinghamshire won the toss and batted on a pitch with little harm in it, they were as diffident as Lancashire were confident. "Wedge 'em in", used to be Lancashire's motto in their run of successes in one-day cricket, and the way they played yesterday recalled that heroic time. They have now won their first two matches in their group of the competition.

Nottinghamshire, who had played so well on Sunday against lesser opposition, were never in this game. The bowling and fielding gripped them from the start. The first run did not come until the 17th ball. Harris then began to score a few, but Hassan had not scored at all when he was out in the sixth over. Smedley batted for seven overs and scored two. After 10 overs, Clive Lloyd and Wood came on instead of Lever and Lee, and Lloyd had Smedley caught at slip.

He was bowling large inswingers from the Radcliffe Road end, with the aid of a stiff wind blowing across to the Trent. He only needed to straighten one now and then to have the batsman in trouble. He nearly had Rice out twice, but it was at the other end that Rice fell, caught at mid-wicket off Wood, who had begun with three maidens and numerous passionate appeals. Rice played a couple of good strokes in his brief innings.

Harris continued to bat well, but when half the innings was gone and only 50 runs scored, Nottinghamshire were struggling, even more so when Randall and Johnson were stumped. Engineer was keeping wicket in one of his most efficient moods, taking an absurdly good diving catch to end the innings. Before then, Harris, stubborn as the Roseland peninsula whence he comes but no more able to push back the tide than Mrs Partington of Sidmouth, had been leg before to Lever, who bowled fast and accurately in both his spells—though still taking an inordinate time to bowl an over.

There is not much to say about the Lancashire innings. The only wicket to fall was that of David Lloyd, who was stumped off White in the 25th over, the score 69, the match nearly won. A young man called Hacker, left-arm medium to fast, bowled usefully as well as making an elegant two not out when he batted. He came into the Nottinghamshire side in place of Stead, who was unfit.

The only other Hacker I can remember is that bad-tempered master of the Shell at Greyfriars, known to his pupils as the Acid Drop. I thought this might be a relation, but I doubt it, for this Hacker is slightly built and mild in appearance, though zealous. The acid will creep in if he stays long enough in first class cricket, as it does with schoolmasters.

Donald Kenyon made Wood the man of the match. It was a reasonable decision, though I thought Harris, and Engineer, and even Hacker, may have contributed more to the prosperity of the Band of Hope.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

*M. J. Harris, l-b-w, b Lever	59
B. Hassan, l-b-w, b Lee	0
M. J. Smedley, c Simmons, b Lloyd (C. H.)	2
C. E. B. Rice, c Hayes, b Wood	7
D. W. Randall, st Engineer, b Wood	7
P. D. Johnson, st Engineer, b Hughes	0
H. T. Tunnicliffe, run out	11
R. A. White, c Wood, b Lever	2
J. D. Birch, b Simmons	0
P. A. Wilkinson, c Engineer, b Lever	1
P. J. Hacker, not out	2
Extras (l-b 3)	3
Total (52.4 overs)	94

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—12, 2—27, 3—34, 4—52, 5—63, 6—82, 7—90, 8—91, 9—91.

BOWLING: Lever, 7.4—2—10—3; Lee, 5—2—12—1; Lloyd (C. H.), 11—3—18—1; Wood, 11—1—20—2; Hughes, 9—1—16—1; Simmons, 10—3—15—1.

LANCASHIRE

B. Wood, not out	57
D. Lloyd, st Harris, b White	19
F. C. Hayes, not out	9
Extras (l-b 8, n-b 2)	10
Total (1 wkt, 38 overs)	95

C. H. Lloyd, H. Pilling, A. Kennedy, F. M. Engineer, D. P. Hughes, J. Simmons, P. Lever, P. Lee did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—64.

BOWLING: Rice, 4—0—11—0; Wilkinson, 9—1—17—0; Hacker, 8—3—18—0; Birch, 7—1—15—0; White, 10—4—24—1.

Umpires: B. A. Jepson and C. G. Pepper.

Yachting

Three moves to counter prevalence of cheating

By John Nicholls

Moves to counter the prevalence of cheating, mostly behind the scenes, in yacht racing, have been announced by the International Yacht Racing Union. A recent meeting of the Union's class policy and organization committee has discussed the problem and decided to act against three of what it sees as the worst offences.

The first was the illegal removal of weight from a boat. All racing classes have a weight limit in their construction rules so that all boats within the classes are as similar as possible. When a new boat is completed, it is officially weighed and measured and its statistics are recorded. Boat builders try to build as closely to the weight limit as possible, but always erring on the light side. It can be difficult to remove weight from a heavy boat without weakening the structure and an overweight yacht or dinghy is likely to be slow throughout its life.

However, a light boat would have an edge over her rivals. To prevent this unfair advantage, most class rules state that the weight must be brought up to the limit by the addition of correctors. The correctors should be firmly attached to the hull and are supposed to be permanent.

With the growing use of modern materials it is easy for builders to keep well below the weight limit, apparently by as much as 30 per cent in some instances. Sadly, but inevitably, it has been reported that competitors in some classes have had their light weight boats properly corrected, weighed and measured, and then raced with the correctors removed.

To combat this practice, the IYRU recommends that random weight checks are made at international events throughout the coming season. Legislation to give force to this proposal will be introduced at the meeting of the Permanent Committee in London next November.

Weight checks on these lines have long been the rule at major events of British national dinghy classes. It is customary for up to half a dozen boats to be picked at random from the entry list and be weighed and quickly measured after each race. The rule is sometimes inconvenient for the measurers, but it works well.

The second point was concerned with doping. The class policy committee will also recommend that more frequent and more thorough medical checks to counter doping are made at the next yachting Olympics in Canada than were made at Kiel.

The third was coaching by radio. Although it seems fantastic it has been alleged that some team coaches have been giving instructions to their helmsmen during a race by such means. To prevent this happening (if it is indeed true), coaches will no longer be allowed to patrol over racing courses in their rubber boats.

In future they will have to remain well away from the course and probably will not be able to see as much of the racing as they would like to. This proposal will be difficult to enforce and is hard on the majority of conscientious coaches. A better scheme surely would be a system of radio checks alongside the random weight checks.

Colas aims for record time

Alain Colas, winner of the Observer single-handed transatlantic race in 1972, is building a 230ft light alloy schooner in a bid to set a record time in next year's event. The boat will be bigger than the Cutty Sark.

Colas, a Frenchman, set the record three years ago with a time of 20 days 13½ hours in the trimaran Pen Duick IV. Since then, he sailed the same yacht, renamed Manureva, round the world and broke Sir Francis Chichester's record.

Boxing

England ignore three title holders

England will send a team of seven to the European Amateur Boxing Championships in Katowice, Poland, on June 1 to 8. They have gone for experience and three of the men who won ABA titles at Wembley last Friday have been rejected. The unluckiest of these is John Zeraschi, a 22-year-old Londoner, who boxed impressively, but stands down to allow Kenton McKenzie, whom he beat in the London divisional championships on a cut eye, to come in.

Other non-champions selected are Sgt Jim Matthews, the Army light-heavyweight, who is preferred to the new ABA champion Malcolm Heath, of Hull, and Des Gwilliam, of Warley, who is chosen at lightweight. Pat Cowdell, the lightweight champion, goes down one division to featherweight. One other champion, Dave Odwell, middleweight, is unavailable.

ENGLAND: Flyweight: C. Magri (Arbour Youth, London); Feather: P. Cowdell (Warley, Birmingham); Light: D. Gwilliam (Warley); Light-welter: C. McKenzie (Philip Game, London); Light-middle: R. Davies (Golden Gloves, Liverpool); Light-heavy: Sgt J. Matthews (Army); Heavy: G. McEwan (Rum Runners, Birmingham).

Athletics

Powell beats world discus record

Long Beach, May 5.—John Powell, of the United States, set a world discus record yesterday with a throw of 226ft 8in (69.08 metres) in the Long Beach invitational track and field meeting.

His record-breaking throw, made on his fourth attempt, broke the present world record by 2ft 3in (69 centimetres) and a pending record by John van Reenen, a South African, by an even 2ft (61 centimetres).

The official listed world record is 224ft 5in (68.40 metres). It was set by Jay Silvester, of the United States, at Reno, Nevada, in 1968, and equalled by Sweden's Richard Bruch at Stockholm in 1972.—Reuter.

Tennis

British girls struggle to find form in time for tie against France

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Aix-en-Provence, May 5

The Federation Cup competition, the women's team championship of world tennis, skidded inauspiciously off the mark here today. The morning was sunny. But rain during lunch induced the organizers to shift two of the nine unfinished ties to indoor courts at Marseilles and defer the rest until tomorrow. This was a dismal introduction to a charming old town set in a sunny land that has produced famous paintings, eminently palatable wine and many an enviable tan.

Britain swings into action tomorrow in what should be an easy match against Austria—which is a coincidence in that last weekend the British men's team disposed of Austria in the Davis Cup. Virginia Wade (who has won about £40,000 in the United States this year and has just been playing on clay in Florida) Susan Barker and Glynis Coles have hard matches ahead of them. Britain have to beat Austria, then Rhodesia or Spain and probably France and Czechoslovakia. Each tie consists of two singles and a doubles.

"The draw is good if we're playing well", said Miss Wade today. "We should do well. But it is not going to be easy. France are pretty tough. They have two good singles players and a very good doubles team." Gail Chanfreau and Nathalie Fuchs will doubtless play singles for France, with Rosa-Maria Darmon probably joining Mrs Chanfreau for the doubles.

In Nice last week Mrs Chanfreau beat Miss Coles 6—3, 5—7, 6—4 in a good match that could have gone either way and Miss Barker, whose timing was awry, was beaten 6—1, 7—5 by the French No 3, Florence Guedy. In practice this morning Miss Barker was still struggling to adjust her timing. Her form does not inspire confidence.

Czechoslovakia, who are already sorting out Ireland, are seeded third and will probably rely on Martina Navratilova and Renata Tomanova. Miss Navratilova, 18, has made an astonishing advance in America this year and has beaten Miss Wade in three of their four matches. This could be a tie in which Britain will have to rely on winning the second singles and the doubles. But just as Britain must first worry about France, Czechoslovakia have first to overcome West Germany (Helga Masthoff and Katja Ebbinghaus) or Yugoslavia, who are led by the rising Mima Jausovec.

In the bottom half of the draw Australia, winners seven times in the competition's 12-year history, call on Evonne Goolagong, Helen Gourlay and Dianne Fromholtz: together with the technical, tactical and psychological expertise of Miss Goolagong's manager, Vic Edwards. They should have a decent match with Romania (Virginia Ruzici and Mariana Simionescu) and another with either the United States (Julie Heldman, Kathy Kuykendall, Janet Newberry and Julie Anthony) or South Africa, who will probably rely on Ilana Kloss and Linky Boshoff).

Australia should retain the Cup because of their depth of talent. Britain had been runners-up for three times but it would be unreasonable to have much confidence in their ability to subdue France, Czechoslovakia and Australia in turn. As usual, it is a pity that more of the game's leading players, especially the Americans, have not been tempted to represent their countries. Heavier sponsorship and revision in the calendar may one day change all that.

Meantime it would be churlish to complain about the talent assembled here in an attractive setting—its hub a rambling, comfortable old clubhouse strewn with sudden steps, archways, and the flavour of the kind of food and wine with which every long journey should end. In spite of its dreary start this could be a memorable week.

ARGENTINA lead YUGOSLAVIA 1—0: Miss B. Araujo beat Miss L. Alavantic, 6—0, 6—0.

URUGUAY lead NETHERLANDS 1—0: Miss F. Bonicelli beat Miss Y. Schaar, 6—4, 6—2.

FRANCE lead BULGARIA, 1—0: Miss N. Fuchs beat Miss G. Soltrova, 6—0, 6—1.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA lead IRELAND 1—0: Miss R. Tomanova beat Miss [illegible] Lennon, 6—2, 6—1.

UNITED STATES lead SWITZERLAND, 1—0: Miss J. Heldman beat Miss E. Emmenegger, 6—2, 6—0.

HUNGARY lead INDONESIA, 1—0: Miss E. Szabo beat Miss L. Kaligis, 4—6, 6—2, 6—1.

ROMANIA beat LUXEMBOURG 3—0: Miss M. Simionescu beat Mrs F. Wagner, 6—3, 6—4; Miss F. Mihai beat Miss M. Hendel, 6—1, 6—0; Miss V. Ruzici and Miss Simionescu beat Mrs Wagner and Miss S. Wolter, 6—1, 8—6.

SWEDEN lead NEW ZEALAND, 1—0: Miss H. Anliot beat Miss J. Connor, 6—4, 6—0.

ITALY beat BRAZIL, 2—0: Miss R. Vido beat Miss Sommers Medrado, 6—8, 6—2, 6—1; Miss D. Marzano beat Miss C. Ribeiro Britto 6—0, 6—1.

Rule changes mean likely expulsion of S Africa

South Africa almost certainly face expulsion from the Davis Cup, the trophy they won last autumn in controversial fashion when India refused to play them in the final round. The agenda for the annual meeting of Davis Cup nations to be held in London on July 3, and published yesterday, shows proposed changes of rules, obviously designed to get South Africa out.

Even if they survive this year, there seems no possibility that their entry will be accepted for 1976. Already this year, South Africa's presence in the competition has disrupted the northern section of the American zone in which they play.

In successive rounds, first Mexico and then Columbia have refused to meet them, leaving South Africa to win their section without playing a tie. Now the Davis Cup committee secretary, Basil Reay, is waiting to see if Chile, from the southern section, will meet South Africa in the zone final.

If not, South Africa will have won the American zone without striking a ball. That would bring them up against European countries in the inter-zone finals. Romania and Russia are among the favourites and Mr Reay said yesterday that neither would meet South Africa.

At the annual meeting in July, the committee of management will propose that the entry of any nation may be refused by a general meeting if the participation of that country endangers the competition.

Hitherto, only the committee have been able to reject an entry. And, even if it is impossible to call a general meeting, the management committee can still expel any country during the current campaign.

This is where South Africa's slender hold on the trophy may end without waiting to have their entry refused for 1976. The seven-strong committee, which took no action against them last year, is due for a change of personnel and there is little doubt that the new officers will not be as lenient.

South Africans were put out of the competition in 1969 after a troubled tie with Britain at Bristol, when flour bombs were thrown on the court. In two previous rounds, Poland and Czechoslovakia had refused to play them. South Africa were allowed back three years later to play in the American zone.

Resolutions have also been put down for the meeting, which, if passed, could open the way for sponsorship in the Davis Cup, both overall and for individual ties.

Vilas has tough opposition in British titles

Guillermo Vilas, of Argentina, winner of last year's Grand Prix series and the Commercial Union masters tournament, faces a rugged start to his challenge for the men's singles title in next week's £35,000 British hardcourt tennis championships, sponsored by Coca-Cola, at Bournemouth.

Yesterday Vilas, the top seed, was drawn to meet the powerful Australian Davis Cup player, Colin Dibley, in the first round, with a likely second round match to follow against another big hitter, Steve Krulevitz, of the United States.

Ilie Nastase, of Romania, the title holder, has a more gentle passage with a first round bye and a possible second round match with Hans Kary, a member of the Austrian team which lost to Britain in the Davis Cup last weekend.

Roger Taylor, seeded No 8, will meet a fellow British international, Mark Farrell, another left-handed player, in the first round.

In the women's singles the top seed, Gail Chanfreau, the French-based Australian, will meet Jennifer Dimond, also of Australia, in the first round.

NICE: Men's singles, final: R. Crealy (Australia) beat J. Molina (Colombia), 7—6, 6—1, 6—3.

Rare first round defeat for Mrs Janes

Christine Janes met with a rare first round defeat in the hard-court tournament sponsored by Pernod at Paddington yesterday. "It could be that the writing is on the wall for me", she said. "You have to play pretty regularly to keep up with these brilliant girls."

Mrs Janes, now a 34-year-old mother of two schoolchildren, living in Loughton, Essex, was beaten 6—1, 6—3 by Elizabeth Vlotman, of South Africa. Mrs Vlotman, a bride of five weeks, is on her first trip to Europe.

The best British performance of the day came from Linda Geeves, a Middlesex player from North London, who handsomely beat the No 8 seed Laurie Tenney, from Miami, 6—1, 6—1. Miss Geeves just gets into the top 10 in Britain's under-21 ranking list while Miss Tenney is among the top 30 in the American senior list and has been accepted for the British hardcourt tournament in Bournemouth next week.

Miss Geeves won five games in a row from 1—1 in the first set and raced through the last six of the second for an emphatic win.

There was also a first round seeding upset in the men's singles when Richard Russell, the No 4 seed, from Jamaica, went down 2—6, 6—0, 6—4 to the hard-hitting Australian, Dale Collings.

Men's singles

FIRST ROUND: M. Simpson (S Africa) beat H. Gerhfield, 6—3, 6—1; F. Van der Merwe (S Africa) beat R. A. Harvey 6—2, 6—3; S. Docherty (Australia) beat M. Daws 6—0, 6—1; R. D. Webb beat A. Amritraj (India), 6—2, 6—4; R. Drysdale beat M. Smith 6—0, 6—2; C. Wells beat R. Allen 6—1, 6—1; D. Collings (Australia) beat R. Russell (Jamaica), 2—6, 6—0, 6—4; C. Lewis (N Zealand) beat R. Holmes 6—0, 6—0; C. McHugo beat P. R. Thomas 6—4, 6—2; P. McNamara (Australia) beat C. Mitas (India), 6—0, 6—1; G. Slater (NZ) beat J. Kingdon, 7—5, 6—2; P. Bradman beat G. M. Smith 6—2, 6—2; R. Webb beat R. Green 6—2, 6—2; J. R. Smith beat S. B. Fine (Rhodesia), 6—4, 6—4; G. Pollard (Australia) beat J. Boyce (Canada), 6—0, 6—1; D. Schneider (S. Africa) beat C. P. Lane 6—3, 6—2; G. Braun (Australia) beat A. Bliss 1—6, 6—3, 6—3; P. Pospisil (Canada) beat U. Schmetzer (Brazil), 6—0, 6—0; L. Johnson (Australia) beat D. Dimmer (Canada), 6—1, 6—4; R. Elkins (US) beat K. Riley (Australia), 6—3, 6—1; P. Coban beat A. Ampagoumian (Canada), 6—3, 6—3; J. Paish beat P. Flinn, 6—0, 6—0; W. Leigh (Canada) beat K. Moobe 6—0, 6—0; E. Ewart (Australia) beat S. Jolly 6—0, 6—0; T. Rocavert (Australia) beat D. A. Boeg 6—2, 6—1; J. B. Howarth beat M. D. Smith 7—6, 6—1; J. Rorappa (India) beat E. Baty 6—3, 6—1; G. Silberman (S. Africa) beat G. Manneringa 6—0, 6—3; J. C. Cooper beat C. Fogg 6—0, 8—6.

SECOND ROUND: B. Mitton (S Africa) beat B. J. Riley (Australia), 6—2, 6—1; G. T. Calnin (Australia) beat R. G. Wallace 6—3, 6—3; L. Palin (Finland) beat A. G. Fawcett (Rhodesia) 7—6, 7—5; D. J. Lineham beat R. Gibbs (Canada) 6—4, 6—3; C. M. Robinson beat J. Young (Australia) 6—0, 6—0.

Women's singles

FIRST ROUND: Mrs B. Vlotman (S Africa) beat Mrs C. Janes 6—1, 6—3; Miss L. Geeves beat Miss L. Tenney (US), 6—1, 6—1; Miss C. Cerato (Australia) beat Miss G. Sirion (Australia) 6—1, 6—1; Miss K. Walker (Australia) beat Miss A. M. Coe 6—3, 6—4; Miss L. D. Blachford beat Miss A. Straub (Canada), 6—0, 6—1; Miss P. S. A. Hogan (US) beat Miss C. Douglas (Australia), 6—2, 6—4; Miss S. Simmonds (S Africa) beat Mrs D. Grundy, 6—3, 6—3; Miss S. Preece beat Miss B. Wancke, 6—0, 6—2; Miss A. DuToit (S Africa) beat Miss C. Sonn (Canada), 6—2, 6—1; Miss L. Beavan beat Mrs H. Barati (France), 6—1, 6—2; Miss S. Quinnel (Australia) beat Miss J. Gregory, 6—2, 6—2; Miss R. Tenney (US) beat Miss W. Slaughter, 6—1, 6—0; Miss H. Liebenberg (S Africa) beat Miss L. Raymond (US), 6—4, 6—3; Miss J. Congdon beat Miss J. Rowe (Jamaica) 6—0, 6—3; Mrs W. Paish (Australia) beat Miss L. Kral (Australia), 6—2, 6—2.

Football

Bournemouth fail by four goals to stay up

Bournemouth failed to score the goals needed to keep them in the third division last night although they won 2—1. They needed to beat Peterborough United 6—0 to stay up on goal average. Bournemouth found their rhythm only in the second half when Rickard scored twice in eight minutes.

Peterborough's defence was then given a testing time. In attack, Peterborough did not look creative, but a minute from the end Gregory scored a consolation goal.

At Wrexham, Cardiff City lost 2—1 in the first leg of the Welsh Cup final but, with away goals counting double in the event of a tie, they will not be displeased with the result. The Wrexham defence was surprised as Buchanan held off two tackles and turned to score an early goal from 25 yards.

However, Wrexham fought back and quickly took control. Lyons equalized after 17 minutes and soon afterwards Tinnion scored the winner. Yet Wrexham failed to take full advantage of Cardiff's ragged defence and Ashcroft might have had two more goals.

John Phillips, Chelsea's goalkeeper, has been dropped from the Welsh squad for the home international championship which starts on May 17. The understudy to Davies, of Everton, Phillips is replaced by Birmingham City's reserve, Sprake, whose last appearance was against Luxembourg at Swansea last November. Michael Smith, the manager, is likely to review the squad after the opening match against Scotland because Yorath, of Leeds United, will be absent because of the European Cup final against Bayern, Munich for the matches against England and Northern Ireland. He has named a squad of players:

D. Davies (Everton), G. Sprake (Birmingham City), H. Thomas (Derby County), J. Roberts (Birmingham City), L. Phillips (Aston Villa), M. Page (Birmingham), D. Roberts (Hull City), J. Jones (Wrexham), J. Mahoney (Stoke City), T. Yorath (Leeds United, captain), A. Griffiths (Wrexham), G. Reece (Cardiff City), J. Toshack (Liverpool), L. James (Burnley), B. Flynn (Burnley), Smallman (Everton). Substitutes: J. Roberts (Chelsea), P. Roberts (Portsmouth), P. Dwyer (Cardiff City), P. Aitkin (Bristol Rovers), J. Emanuel (Bristol City), L. Cartwright (Coventry City), D. Showers (Cardiff City), J. Lewis (Grimsby Town).

Wembley officials will today get together with representatives of the Football Association and the police to discuss how to stop a repeat of the mass invasion of the pitch at the end of Saturday's Cup final. They will be studying video tape recordings of the scenes — unprecedented in Cup final history—when thousands of supporters thronged the pitch and held up the traditional lap of honour by the winning side.

Yesterday's results

Third division

Bournemth (0) 2 Rickard (2) (4,869) — Peterbrgh (0) 1 Gregory

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn R	46	22	16	8	68	45	60
Plymouth A	46	24	11	11	79	58	59
Charlton Ath	46	22	11	13	76	61	55
Swindon Town	46	21	11	14	64	58	53
Crystal Palace	46	18	15	13	66	57	51
Port Vale	46	18	15	13	61	54	51
Peterborough	46	19	12	15	47	53	50
Walsall	46	18	13	15	67	52	49
Preston NE	46	19	11	16	63	56	49
Gillingham	46	17	14	15	65	60	48
Colchester Utd	46	17	13	16	70	63	47
Hereford Utd	46	16	14	16	64	66	46
Wrexham	46	15	15	16	65	55	45
Bury	46	16	12	18	53	50	44
Chesterfield	46	16	12	18	62	66	44
Grimsby Town	46	15	13	18	55	64	43
Halifax Town	46	13	17	16	49	65	43
Southend Utd	46	13	16	17	46	51	42
Brighton	46	16	10	20	56	64	42
Aldershot	46	14	11	21	53	63	38
Bournemouth	46	13	12	21	44	58	38
Watford	46	10	17	19	52	75	37
Tranmere R	46	14	9	23	55	57	37
Huddersfield	46	11	10	25	47	76	32

WELSH CUP: Final (first leg): Wrexham 2, Cardiff City 1.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Slough Town 0, Dulwich Hamlet 1.

BIELEFELD, WEST GERMANY: International schoolboys' tournament: Group A: England 6, Netherlands 1; Scotland 2, France 0. Group B: West Germany 3, Wales 1; Ireland 2, Switzerland 0. England and West Germany qualify for final.

Today's football

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Barking v Sutton United (7.30); Hitchin Town v Ilford (7.30); Leatherhead v Dagenham (7.30).

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division: Hornchurch v Erith and Belvedere (7.30); Letchworth v Cheshunt (7.30); Wembley v Edmonton-Haringey (7.30); Worthing v Eastbourne United (6.30).

Real tennis

A twist service to trouble even Angus

By our Real Tennis Correspondent

Christopher Ennis and Michael Dean, professionals from Leamington and Oxford University respectively, won the only match played in the British open real tennis doubles championship, sponsored by Cutty Sark, at Queen's Club, London, yesterday. In the other match due to be played, Mungo Glover, an amateur, and David Barrett, the Hampton Court professional, received a walkover when Andrew Crawley failed to appear, later claiming that his aircraft from Paris was late.

Ennis, an ebullient and energetic player, and Dean, a composed second string, beat James Leonard and Peter Ashford, a Queen's professional, by 6—0, 6—3, and were never in any difficulty. The winners both used the underhand twist as their main service, Ennis finding that the left-handed Ashford had little trouble in taking his railroad, and Dean producing a service that would have bothered even Howard Angus at Oxford. Dean has been trying to persuade Alan Lovell to learn the service.

Ashford was forceful but erratic, Leonard played in a softer style but his guile was not enough to disconcert the two young professionals.

FIRST ROUND: C. Ennis (Leamington) and M. F. Dean (Oxford University) beat J. W. Leonard and P. K. Ashford (Queen's Club), 6—3, 6—1.

Golf

HOUSTON: 275, B. Crampton (Australia), 68, 70, 66, 69; 2[illegible], G. Morgan, 70, 68, 67, 70; [illegible] H. Irwin, 68, 70, 71, 67; [illegible] Schroeder, 68, 72, 67, 71; [illegible] Kite 70, 71, 70, 68; L. Hobday, 71, 70, 69; L. Nelson, 68, 70; E. Pearce, 67, 70, 71; A. Tapie, 67, 71, 73, 69; R. [illegible] 69, 70, 70, 71; 282, L. Trevino 69, 73, 74; 283, T. Aaron, 70, 68; P. Oosterhuis (GB), 72, 71; C. Coody, 69, 71, 74; Nichols, 70, 74, 70, 69.

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Play-off (best-of-seven series): Philadelphia [illegible] New York Islanders 0 (Philadelphia lead 3—1).

Book reviews

Current topics and other delights for cricket addicts

By Richard Streeton

For several decades, spanning the pre-war invincible days under Sellers right through to the modern era under Boycott, the triumphs and vicissitudes of Yorkshire cricket were chronicled for the Yorkshire Post by J. M. Kilburn. No other word conveys the erudite and immaculate prose which landed with a thud on northern front steps each day of the season. Undoubtedly Mr Kilburn was something of a reactionary but this was softened by the innate wisdom that shone through. To generations of boys in the north he was their introduction to cricket reading and their debt is enormous.

A season or two ago, Mr Kilburn produced a memorable autobiography. Predictably it contained a few disapproving sighting shots on the changes in pattern of present day cricket. Now in another provocative and readable book (*Overthrows: A Book of Cricket*, Stanley Paul: £3.95) he has fired a full broadside with one-day cricket and its commercial sponsors the prime target. Alec Bedser will presumably order a dozen copies at least.

Certainly Mr Bedser will find few more reasoned advocates, even if not every QC would risk the judge's patience by reiterating the same arguments in three separate chapters of what is only a 150-page book. Overall, though, one forgives Mr Kilburn this repetition, partly because his arguments are reasoned and authoritative—perhaps deep down, too, one personally fears that he could be right—and also because of the other delights that lie between the covers.

For perception of character there is a chapter on Cyril Turner entitled "The Modest Cricketer", which evokes the same enjoyment as J. M. Solan's on Fred Gardner did in *Cricket Heroes*. For the technically minded, there is an instructive reminder of how close Peter May with his on-driving ability came to emulating Grace and Hobbs as an evangelistic influence on batting. Just as Grace broke the threatened dominance of fast bowling, and Hobbs that of the googly, so might May over a longer career have turned the tide against inswing and off-break bowling. Enjoyable, too, are Mr Kilburn's summary of Yorkshire crowds and the atmosphere at Bramall Lane.

But the writer's disenchantment with modern innovations and standards are never far away. In brief, he believes that only first-class cricket can produce first-class cricketers, with the qualities and talents that attracted the sponsors in the first place. When the supply is exhausted, the sponsors will turn their back and cricket then will have lost both credit and cash.

Mr Kilburn is not quite so loquacious on the remedies that should be supplied. Cricket may be an art form but even artists no longer starve in garrets and there are no county cricketers I know who would either. All agonizingly difficult for the administrators. Meanwhile I recommend Mr Kilburn's arguments for all those who wish to keep abreast of both the obvious and the hidden perils, as cricket continues its struggle to remain viable in all aspects.

Finally the warmest of warm welcomes, as always, to Wisden, whose familiar appearance, feel and even smell, bring a comforting reassurance to us addicts, irrespective of how much cricket itself changes. The latest issue (*Wisden Cricketers' Almanack 1975*, Sporting Handbooks Ltd., limp covers £2.75, cloth boards £3.00) like its 111 predecessors sets remarkable standards of comprehensiveness for all other reference books on sport to try to emulate. Annually I have to ride my hobby horse on the subject of the 1970 Rest of the World matches wrongly being included in the official Test records, but this apart the new Wisden provides all its usual pleasures.

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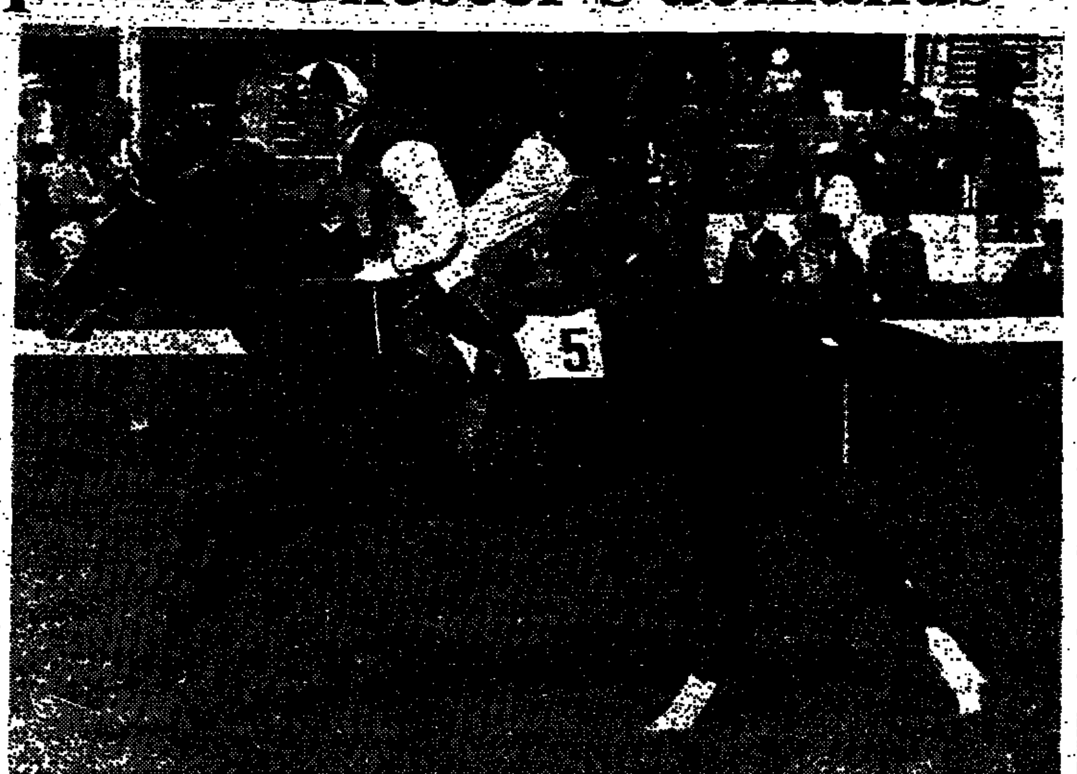
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Consol: workmanlike rather than brilliant winner of Classic Trial Stakes at Sandown Park.

remarkable run of Walwyn's three-year-olds.

Although there are only eight runners in the Ladbroke Chester Handicap it promises to be an intriguing and *competitive* affair. The ante-*post* favourite, Mon Legionnaire, was touched off in the final strides of the City and Suburban by Swell Fellow. A course specialist who won twice on the course last season, Mon Legionnaire is in peak form and must be considered well handicapped. The other runner who seems well treated is Dance All Night, who recorded a fast time when scoring at Redcar recently.

Those useful handicappers Himawari, Peter Prompt, Old Lucky and Sin y Sin all seem to have their fair share of weight, and Pee Mai has not yet struck the brilliant *front running* ability which captured him five races last season. While acknowledging the outstanding claim of Mon Legionnaire, I am going to take a chance with Dance All Night. Her trainer Bill Elsey has a good record on this course and the filly's 7 lb penalty will be largely offset by the 5 lb claimed by *Shawn Salmon*.

The Grosvenor Stakes, for maiden three-year-olds, is always a difficult race to win. The issue seems likely to concern the Murless-trained Morning Song; Jeremy Tree's Prince of Egypt, on whom Piggott is trying to repeat his recent Sandown Park success; and Actioned, trained for the senior steward of the meeting, Robert Sangster, by Barry Hills. Although admitting a prejudice against chestnut sons of Crepello I give a narrow vote to Morning Song. The remaining three races may be won by Western Jewel (2.15), Tribal Feast (4.45) and Happy Victorious, who tries for his fifth course *win* in the Earl of Chester Handicap.

Evening racing at Windsor has always enjoyed good support. Their first fixture of the season takes place tonight when the safest bet should be Space Leader trained by Henry Cecil. Despite his welter-weight of 9 st 10 lb, Space Leader, successful in his only two runs *this season, should outclass his* opponents in the Willowbrook Plate. Another horse trying to win his third race off the reel is Hey Presto, who looks to have Franklyn and Halling to beat in the Quickly Plate.

The most valuable race on the card, the Queen Anne's Handicap, looks a problem as many of the runners have not yet been seen out. Patrick Eddery flies down from Chester to ride Behave Too for Guy Harwood. Behave Too ran extremely well when third to Flying Nelly at Sandown. She may make her fitness tell against the well handicapped Caspardale.

Ron Barry had an easy win at Southwell yesterday on Front Bencher in the *Victoria Club Handicap* Hurdle, his only ride at the meeting. The reigning champion was already looking round at the opposition before he moved smoothly past the pacemaker Gummers How two flights from home.

Front Bencher reached the line, hard held, two lengths ahead of Assembly Point. The nine-year-old was registering his 13th success and brought a change of luck for his owner, Mrs Diana Gordon, the wife of the deputy chairman of the *London Stock Exchange, who lost* her best prospect when Anglo Scot dropped dead at Newcastle on Saturday.

Jantom fell at the *last in* Front Bencher's race bringing Tommy Stack's afternoon to an early close, but the leading jockey was not badly hurt and had already scored on Boolavonge in the first race to bring his score to 76, equalling his previous best of last season.

Boolavonge got the better of Jimmy Lighter by a length after a keen battle over the last two, but the big disappointment here was the 11-8 on favourite Heracles, who was never jumping like an odds-on chance and was beaten over 10 lengths into seventh place.

Barry was not the only one with a 100 per cent success rate. Tony Dickinson brought two horses, Mr Savin and Tostal Time, and won with both. Mr Savin may have had little behind him in the Manton Maiden Steeplechase, but he could not have won more easily, winning by a distance from Most Obliging.

Mr Savin's partner, Colin Tinkler, who reached his *half* century at the weekend, completed the 20-1 Dickinson double on Tostal Time with an enterprising display in the Dunkirk Handicap Steeplechase.

STATE OF GOING (official): Chester: Good. Windsor: Firm. Tomorrow: *Salisbury: Good to firm.* Wetherby: Good. Newton Abbot: Firm.

Chance mount helps Eddery to a treble

Patrick Eddery landed a 109-1 treble at Wolverhampton yesterday, helped by a chance ride on March Crusader, which came because Geoffrey Lewis was delayed in a motorway hold-up. The champion jockey, who also won on Levant Melody and Attorney General, brought his score for the season to 20, going one ahead of Lester Piggott, who was at home in Newmarket with his wife Susan, who broke her pelvis when thrown from a horse over the weekend.

Lewis later won the Rugeley Handicap on the top weight, Eversholt. Levant Melody, on whom Eddery was out in front all the way in the first division of the Lichfield Maiden Plate, was bred *by Hubert Vickery, the father-in-law* of the filly's Epsom trainer, Tom Gosling.

They, too, were held up on the motorway and only just arrived in time to see Gosling's second winner of the season. The first, Franklyn, at Warwick last week, was also a family affair, for that filly is owned by Gosling's wife, Valerie.

Eddery employed different tactics on March Crusader, producing Mrs Rosemary Shirley's four-year-old *inside the final* furlong to land the Midland Sprint Handicap by two lengths. Then he had a comfortable victory on the hot favourite, Attorney General, in a division of the Watling Street Maiden Plate. This was a tonic for Bob McCreery, just getting about again after a crashing fall in the hunting field. McCreery owns the Peter Walwyn-trained colt in partnership with Duncan Davidson.

In the Dunstall Selling Stakes, punters who backed the 10-1 winner, *Stand Off*, had 50p in the pound deducted because neither the favourite, Taw Valley, nor the second favourite, *David Tudor*, would go into the stalls.

Red Shirt, who unseated his apprentice rider, Trenton Bridge, and bolted after leaving the paddock for the second division of the Lichfield Plate, was withdrawn—and Bridge lost a tooth. Then Morgan's Pride played up and threw John Higgins. The colt was reluctant to go to the start and when he came out of the stalls swerved and again parted company with Higgins.

Square Halo became the third Epsom winner of the afternoon when she scored easily from Balligreat and East Jewel, in the second division of the Lichfield Maiden Plate. Ballycall was disqualified from fourth place because Mark Simmonite failed to weigh in. He was cautioned by *the stewards*.

Jeremy Hindley had his seventh winner of 1975 when Peranka took the Mayday Sprint Plate, and 22-year-old Joseph Moriarty, who joined Duncan Keith's Winchester stables at the beginning of the year, rode his first winner in this country when partnering James Three in the last division of the Watling Street Maiden Plate. Moriarty has about 25 winners in all to his credit, having gained some of them in Ireland and Germany.

Edinburgh winner fails to change Payne's opinion

Although he won the Corstorphine Plate at Edinburgh yesterday with Enryco Mieo the Middleham trainer, Kenneth Payne, *still* regards the Scottish course as unlucky for him. "I have had all sorts of misfortunes here and that even includes a dog biting me", he said. "We have had 30 to 40 seconds on this course. I have been concerned in no fewer than 19 photo finishes, and I have only won two of them."

In the Slateford Selling Handicap it appeared that Payne had won with Czardas Prince. There was a photograph between Czardas Prince and Wolds Way, trained by Peter Metcalfe, and again the verdict went against him. Wolds Way was Metcalfe's first winner of the *season*.

Enryco Mieo, who started at 5-1, was Payne's 13th winner of the season and the three-year-old is a colt he believes will develop into a useful performer. "But what he really wants is two miles", Payne said. Denys Smith, who has a good winning record at *Edinburgh, was successful in the* Duddingston Plate with Le Grand Meaulnes, a colt he got from Rufus Beasley's stable when Beasley retired at the end of last season.

Another trainer who has found Musselburgh a winning course is Tom Craig. He trains not far from the course and saddled Davett, an *11-4 favourite, to win the Leith* Handicap. Eric Collingwood saddled his fifth winner of the season when Meadlands, owned by Frank Allis, won the Colinton Plate.

Gay Future, the horse involved in the Cartmel betting coup, is becoming a costly investment for *his new owner, John Banks. Banks* said at Fontwell Park yesterday that he gave £9,000 for Gay Future in a private deal, and he paid out another £2,000 in bets when the horse, subsequently syndicated, failed to land a gamble in the Rustington Handicap Hurdle. In a tight finish, in which Nelson Boy touched off Setra by a head, Banks's horse had to be content with third place, half a length farther away.

*After breaking both his collar*bones in recent weeks, Fred Winter's young apprentice, Robert Kington, was due for a change of fortune and it came when he drove St Swithin past Cape Clarendon going to the last fence for a five-length victory in the Itchenor Handicap Steeplechase.

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...btful Number (D) (R. Sangster), F. Carr, 9-6 P. Eddery 2
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...s (Sir R. Verdin), R. Houghton, 8-12 F. Morby 1
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...iddy Friendly (R. McAlpine), B. Hills, 8-12 B. Taylor 6
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...yal Baily (A. Maiden), D. Plant, 8-9 P. Cook 2
...ake Dance (R. West), E. Cousins, 8-9 B. Raymond 13
...erngan (R. McAlpine), J. Hindley, 8-9 A. Kimberley 8
Willow Warbler (J. Creswell), R. Hollinshead, 8-9 — 9
...Egypt, 3-1 Gallant Bid, 5-1 Morning Song, Priddy Friendly, ...0-1 Actioned, 12-1 others.

...E HANDICAP (£2,318 : 1¼m 85yd)

...mawari (J. Kashiyama), R. Houghton, 4-9-7 F. Morby 7
...ter Prompt (Mrs Hanes), H. Cecil, 4-9-7 L. Piggott 1
...d Lucky (N. Hunt), B. van Cutsem, 5-9-1 W. Carson 6
...n Y Sin (Dr J. Sahagun), R. Smyth, 4-9-0 I. Jenkinson 5 8
...cord Run (S. Grey), G. P.-Gordon, 4-8-8 B. Taylor 4
...e Mai (C) (C. Barber-Lomax), A. Goodwill, 6-8-8 P. Eddery 5
...on Legionnaire (C) (Mrs Bernheim), N. Vigors, 4-8-0 P. Cook 3
...ance All Night (Miss Rall-Dare), W. Elsey, 4-7-12 S. Salmon 5 9
...ifka (E. Brown), Denys Smith, 6-7-7 L. Charnock 7 2
...nnaire, 3-1 Old Lucky, 4-1 Himawari, 6-1 Peter Prompt, 8-1 ...Sin, 12-1 others.

... VASE (Group III : 3-y-o : £4,944 : 1½m 65yd)

...ack Rhino (R. Tikkoo), B. Hanbury, 8-12 L. Piggott 6
...onsol (A. Oldrey), P. Walwyn, 8-12 P. Eddery 3
...dian Guard (R. Tikkoo), D. K. Weld, 8-12 J. Roe 7
...antallah (R. More O'Ferrall), H. Wragg, 8-12 B. Taylor 1
...amerlane (T. Duggan), P. Prendergast jun, 8-12 C. Roche 5
...r Something (J. Stafford), B. Hills, 8-8 W. Carson 2
...ornton Green (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 8-8 B. Raymond 4
...l Black Rhino, 6-1 Indian Guard, 8-1 Spamerlane, Shantallah.

CHESTER HANDICAP (£989 : 7f 122yd)

...appy Victorious (CD) (Mrs W. Jones), Doug Smith, 8-9-7 E. Eldin 5
...early New (W. Norton), B. Swift, 4-9-6 J. Smith 7 3
...ings Bonus (C) (J. Grady), R. Hollinshead, 4-9-1 T. Ives 7
...ladah (R. Speight), J. W. Watts, 4-8-11 E. Hide 4
...oodle Bug (C. Lees), T. Corrie, 4-8-10 D. Ryan 1
...reat Echo (Sir J. Scott), D. Sasse, 5-8-6 F. Morby 6
...ard Sailor (R. Barber), J. Calvert, 5-8-4 P. Eddery 2
Princely Mount (C. Perks), R. Hollinshead, 5-7-13 — 8
...ctorious, 9-2 Nearly New, Hard Sailor, 5-1 Kings Bonus, 8-1 ...Echo 10-1 Doodle Bug.

...OF WALES HANDICAP (3-y-o : £998 : 5f)

...eld Sage (R. Tikkoo), B. Hanbury, 9-7 L. Piggott 3
...lgora (D) (R. Howell), A. Stevens, 9-6 E. Hide 7
...unings (D) (B. Cassie), J. Winter, 9-5 B. Taylor 7
...ribal Feast (CD) (Mrs Milne), B. Swift, 9-4 J. Smith 7 6
...aterial (D) (N. Wyatt), E. Weymes, 9-2 G. Perks 4
...atilament (D) (Mrs Darling), T. Darling, 8-7 G. Duffield 5
...dle Dice (D) (M. Taylor), K. Payne, 7-13 A. Cousins 4
...iss Golightly (D) (L. Briggs), R. Williams, 7-10 J. Lowe 2
...oolskin (D) (H. Smallman), R. Hollinshead, 7-7 K. Lewis 5 1
...Feast, 4-1 Algora, Bold Sage, 5-1 Material, 6-1 Idle Dice, 8-1 ...nga, 12-1 others.

Windsor programme

6.0 QUICKLY PLATE (2-y-o fillies : £690 : 5f)

1 1 Franklyn (D) (Mrs Gosling), T. Gosling, 8-13 B. Rouse 1
2 311 Hey Presto (D) (H. Joel), S. Ingham, 8-13 G. Ramshaw 5
3 1 Va-Presto (D) (Mrs Strinati), E. Reavey, 8-13 C. Moss 13
4 Amber Sky (Mrs Thompson), A. Pitt, 8-8 S. Alexander 2
6 Balita (Mrs Lindsay), J. Dunlop, 8-8 Ron Hutchinson 4
7 Capacity (G. Blum), Blum, 8-8 M. L. Thomas 11
8 Ebony Rock (Mrs Bricken), B. Hobbs, 8-8 A. Murray 10
9 Elsewere (Mrs Crudgington), N. Adam, 8-8 J. Egan 3
12 2 Halling (R. Lingham), S. Supple, 8-8 T. Bridge 5 9
15 Lizzie Eustace (J. Hislop), H. Candy, 8-8 P. Waldron 8
18 Noble Memory (J. Swift), B. Swift, 8-8 K. Daniels 7 12
21 0 Strip Fast (J. Reilly), T. Gosling, 8-8 C. Furlong 6
22 0 Swan Hill (D. Hedges), G. Blum, 8-8 — 7
23 Tudor Sally (M. Ryan), T. Gosling, 8-8 M. Kettle 14

Evens Hey Presto, 7-2 Halling, 6-1 Franklyn, 8-1 Va-Presto, 16-1 Ebony Rock, Balita, 20-1 others.

6.30 MEADOW HANDICAP (£402 : 1¼m 22yd)

1 200030- Octopus (P. Hamlyn), M. Haynes, 4-9-8 S. Cottle 5 13
3 00- Break Free (P. Moore), J. Gilbert, 4-9-1 — 7
4 0000-30 Ballyvelour (G. Brunton), P. Taylor, 4-8-12 — 14
5 00000- Calasa Ira (M. Roberts), J. Hayward, 4-8-10 B. Rouse 3
7 0030- Fort Knox Two (M. Cove), P. Haslam, 4-8-6 A. Holland 7 9
8 0000-40 Carols Mood (Mrs Crudgington), N. Adam, 3-8-3 — 2
9 00000-0 Straw House (J. McNamara), C. Benstead, 5-7-13 A. Bond 5 4
10 00000-0 Georgie Stephens (A. Ames), D. Hanley, 4-7-11 J. Curant 1
12 00304-0 Kobe (C. Dingwall), Dingwall, 3-7-8 A. Cressy 5 8
14 02210-3 Haut Girl (Mrs Allison), G. Stephenson, 3-7-7 R. Fox 5 6
15 2220-0 Sanali (A. Cameron), R. Bastiman, 4-7-7 D. Nicholls 7 10
17 0000-40 Hard Angel (W. Treharne), A. Jones, 3-7-7 D. Gillespie 5 11
18 00000-0 Government Warning (D. Thom), Thom, 3-7-7 R. Still 3
19 04000-0 Beyond A Dream (P. Cane), C. Dingwall, 3-7-7 C. Rodrigues 5 12

11-4 Haut Girl, 7-2 Ballyveloir, 4-1 Octopus, 7-1 Kobe, Sanali, 8-1 Fort Knox Two, 12-1 Hard Angel, 20-1 others.

7.0 QUEEN ANNE'S HANDICAP (£927 : 1m 3f 150yd)

1 1310-33 Behave Too (CD) (G. Cooper), G. Harwood, 4-9-7 P. Eddery 12
4 210142- The Baker (A. Wiseman), D. Gandolfo, 5-9-2 J. Curant 4
6 11234-0 Pirate Bell (CD) (F. Allison), G. Stephenson, 6-9-1 J. Reid 5 5
8 301202- Caspardale (Miss Rigden), J. Bethell, 4-8-11 F. Durr 6
9 0000-00 Clove Hitch (Lord Fairhaven), B. Hobbs, 4-8-10 G. Baxter 13
10 111210- Major Concession (R. Cowell), M. Stoute, 4-8-9 G. Starkey 2
12 Pampered Miss (L. Marler), S. Mellor, 5-8-8 P. Cook 9
13 310304- Makinlau (CD) (J. Oliver), D. Dale, 5-8-7 — 8
14 002200- Market Report (Mrs Heron), R. Vibert, 4-8-6 I. Johnson 5 14
15 0024-30 Midsummer Lad (Mrs Davies), B. Hanbury, 4-8-4 E. Johnson 16
16 31130-0 Blighty (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 4-8-3 Ron Hutchinson 10
18 13320-0 Breezy Boy (J. Pegley), O. O'Neill, 6-8-2 — 15
19 133234- Monsieur Spock (CD) (Mrs Pitt), A. Pitt, 5-8-1 A. Bond 5 7
20 3100-00 Brave Talk (CD) (P. Tinsley), P. Haslam, 6-8-0 A. Holland 7 1
21 132-000 Ballylickey (L. Dowman), K. Ivory, 4-7-13 P. Waldron 11
22 0000- Champagne Rosie (Mrs Jubert), Miss A. Sinclair, 4-7-12 R. Still 3
23 001223- Simons Pet (Mrs Jackson), J. E. Sutcliffe, 4-7-11 W. Carson 17

7-2 *Behave Too*, 5-1 *Major* Concession, 6-1 Simons Pet, 8-1 Breezy Boy, The Baker, Blighty, 12-1 Midsummer Lad, Pirate Bell, Caspardale, 14-1 Monsieur Spock, Makinlau, 20-1 others.

7.30 FROGMORE PLATE (2-y-o : £690 : 5f)

2 010 Cry No More (D) (W. Lusty), R. Hannon, 9-2 F. Durr 3
3 331 Fruits of Love (D) (A. Joy), B. Swift, 9-2 P. Cook 1
5 10 Rajal (D) (R. Roberts), I. Balding, 9-2 J. Matthias 5 4
7 Rotomar Boy (Mrs Savile), R. Wilson, 8-11 R. Edmondson 6
8 Bendy Baby (C. Newbold), P. Haslam, 8-11 R. Wernham 5 8
9 Calibration (Mrs Beadell), M. Francis, 8-11 P. Eddery 13
11 Doris's Choice (J. Broadhurst-Huggins), D. Underwood, 8-11 — 10
12 Durham River (T. Ivory), K. Ivory, 8-11 J. Curant 5
13 Enter The Dragon (Mrs Tang), P. Mitchell, 8-11 G. Ramshaw 5
14 4 Fifty Sixth Street (M. Myers), J. E. Sutcliffe, 8-11 W. Carson 11
19 My Precious (Mrs Enfield), H. Price, 8-11 A. Murray 9
20 2 Tangarins (Mrs Harris), A. Pitt, 8-11 A. Bond 5 7
22 00 Tumbling Dice (L. Boakes), E. McNally, 8-11 — 14
23 Wild Revel (R. Leach), D. Dale, 8-11 B. Rouse 12
27 Lei (J. McGregor), J. Dunlop, 8-8 Ron Hutchinson 15

7-4 Rajal, 11-4 Fruits of Love, 9-2 Cry No More, 8-1 Tangarins, 10-1 Fifty Sixth Street, 12-1 My Precious, 16-1 Lei, 20-1 others.

8.0 SPITAL HANDICAP (£616 : 6f)

1 22410-0 *Roman Way (CD) (T. Crawford)*, R. Hannon, 5-9-12 P. Perkins 5
2 20200-0 Go Go Gunner (D) (A. Ball), I. Walker, 4-9-10 P. Eddery 6
3 42200-0 Sillins Pride (D) (F. Allison), G. Stephenson, 5-9-6 R. Edmondson 1
4 00000-0 Verity Sam (D) (Mrs Winton), J. Sutcliffe jun, 6-9-3 B. Rouse 8
5 102402- Briarvanter (D) (J. Styles), M. Masson, 4-9-1 A. Bond 5 12
6 24320-0 Prince Mandarin (D) (T. Fu), C. Benstead, 5-8-13 A. Murray 2
7 01431-2 Grey Mink (D) (Mrs Reynolds), J. E. Sutcliffe, 4-8-13 W. Carson 4
8 30200-0 Holand (B. Middleton), P. Haslam, 4-8-11 R. Wernham 5 7
9 2423-03 Noirmont Point (D) (E. Thornton), J. Old, 7-8-11 — 9
10 0400-00 Willie Martin (D) (G. Davis), R. Hannon, 5-8-9 F. Durr 11
11 0000-01 Moor Lane (D) (C. Armstrong), P. Nelson, 7-8-8 J. Johnson 5 13
12 410-200 Tudor Flame (D) (A. Stevens), Stevens, 3-8-2 R. Weaver 5 14
13 0000-00 *Hayloft (CD) (F. Tory), R. Akehurst, 4-7-12 D. Cullen* 10
15 03100-0 Royal Pat (T. Nicholls), D. Jermy, 3-7-7 D. McKay 3

5-2 Grey Mink, 4-1 Moor Lane, 6-1 Noirmont Point, 7-1 Prince Mandarin, 8-1 Go Go Gunner, 10-1 Briarvanter, Tudor Flame, 14-1 Holand, 16-1 others.

8.30 WILLOWBROOK PLATE (3-y-o : £483 : 1¼m 22yd)

1 0-11 Space Leader (R. Zelker), H. Cecil, 9-10 F. Durr 18
5 0#130- Asama (J. Kashiyama), H. Price, 9-0 M. Germon 14
9 00-0 Derry Town (G. Kelly), G. Smyth, 9-0 P. Waldron 9
10 000300- Fire Can (G. Sibley), Mrs Oughton, 9-0 P. Cook 2
12 0404- Mon Cheval (B. Raymond), R. Akehurst, 9-0 C. Williams 16
13 023-03 Pagos Boy (E. Burchett), G. Harwood, 9-0 G. Starkey 1
16 Pannini (C. St George), H. Price, 9-0 A. Murray 19
19 0202-00 So They Say (Sir D. Clague), C. Benstead, 9-0 B. Rouse 3
20 000- Tricky Nicky (J. Payne), R. Smyth, 9-0 P. Cheese 7 15
21 0-0 Tromso (Mrs Bowry), M. Francis, 9-0 P. Eddery 17
22 Ashdown Forest (Lady Coleridge), Miss Sinclair, 8-11 T. Cain 3 7
23 000000- *Comedy Turn (J. Sirelsey), T. Gates, 8-11* — 21
24 00000- Elope (Lord Tavistock), B. Hobbs, 8-11 G. Baxter 25
27 00- La Pellegrena (Mrs MacLeod), D. Morley, 8-11 — 12
28 02000- Little Ditch (Lady Compton), G. Kindersley, 8-11 M. L. Thomas 11
30 000- Lytham (H. Denton), J. E. Sutcliffe, 8-11 W. Carson 23
31 0 Miss Rosetta (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 8-11 — 5
33 03-02 No Exit *(J. Fisher), P. Robinson*, 8-11 — 22
35 4-0 Paper Moon (Mrs Corbett), T. Corbett, 8-11 L. Wargon 6
36 003004- Pink God (Mrs Eggett), I. Walker, 8-11 P. Madden 24
37 000- Thornorick (Mrs Nagle), Mrs Nagle, 8-11 A. Bond 5 8
38 0-0 "Thunder Run (Mrs Kennedy), E. Reavey, 8-11 — 4
39 00000- Tornado Prince (M. Tabor), N. Callaghan, 8-11 — 10
40 0 Tadlsaar (G. Pritchard-Gordon), R. Smyth, 8-11 — 13
43 0- Willings Hope (Mrs Willing), P. Mitchell, 8-11 — 20

5-4 Space Leader, 4-1 Asama, 7-1 Paper Moon, So They Say, 10-1 No Exit, 16-1 Pink God, Pannini, Pagos Boy, 25-1 others.
* Doubtful runner.

Windsor selections

By Our Racing Staff

6.0 Hey Presto. 6.30 Kobe. 7.0 Behave Too. 7.30 Fruits of Love. 8.0 Moor Lane. 8.30 Space Leader.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

7.0 Blighty. 8.0 Go Go Gunner. 8.30 Space Leader.

Chester selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.15 Western Jewel. 2.45 Morning Song. 3.15 Dance All Night. 3.45 CONSOL is specially recommended. 4.15 Happy Victorious. 4.45 Tribal Feast.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.45 Morning Song. 3.15 Old Lucky. 3.45 Thornton Green. 4.45 Muninga.

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...FIELD PLATE (Div I: ...£414: 5f)
...r f, by Levanter— ...(H. Vickery), 8-11 ... P. Eddery (10-1) 1
..., by Red God— ...ardiner), 9-0 ... Rouse (5-2 fav) 2
...Song—Americana II ...11 ... Kimberley (10-1) 3
...00-30 Hero Baby, 6-1 ... Andy Rew (4th), 16-1 ... 20-1 Bargain Hunter, ...Jerry Month, Salamah, ...Willie Jon, McBride, ...tosi, Gambling Prince, ...16 ran.
...73p; places, 32p, 23p, ...g, at Epsom. 6l, 3l. ...did not run.

DUNSTALL STAKES ...: 5f)
..., by Murrayfield— ...4, Old), 8-8 ... B. Rouse (10-1) 1
...by The Brianstan— ...Bissill), 8-8 ... E. Bromilow (8-1) 2
...c, by Jimmy Reppin ...Lougher), 8-11 ... G. Baxter (13-2) 3
...5-2 fav Taw Valley, 3-1 ...1 Impromptu, 11-1 Clear ...General Synopsis, May... ...20-1 Our Dolly, Red ...aptain Lark, Fire Glaze, ...j Ray, Goldwig, Miss ...y. 16 ran.
...£1.04; places, 46p, 27p, ...sad, at Epsom. 1l, nk. ...tr for 1,400 guineas. ...David Tudor withdrawn. ...ns to all bets. Deduction ...

...DLAND SPRING HANDI- ...1m 1f)
...r, br c, by March ...o (Evora of the late ...er-Thompson), 4-8-5 ... P. Eddery (3-1) 1
...by Alcide—Laliheia ...4-8-4 ... W. Carson (10-1) 2
...gr h, by Supreme ...a Cloche (Mrs C. Pugh), ... T. Ives (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Cache Case, 5-1 Daniel, Last Orders, 10-1 Tamerglow, 14-1 Mount Carmel, Old Man Dimplex (4th), Seadora, Siobara, 25-1 Cootamundra. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 34p; places, 18p, 37p, 39p, G. Smyth, at Lewes. 2l, sh hd.

3.15 (3.21) WATLING STREET PLATE (Div I: 3-y-o: £414: 1m 1f)
Attorney General, b c, by Advocator—White Pearl (D. Davidson), 8-0 ... P. Eddery (evens fav) 1
Fly for Home, b f, by Habitat—Romp Home (Mrs F. Chapman), 8-11 ... E. Hide (10-1) 2
Florida King, ch c, by Sovereign Path—Xanadu (R. Tikkoo), 9-0 ... B. Raymond (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Gracemount, 12-1 Simovale, 14-1 Lady Lear, Night Messenger, 16-1 Scutari, Star of Israel, 25-1 Grange Prince, Mullion, Clopora, Another Pinta, Clem's Boy (4th), Miss Kilo, Primer, Summer Camp. 17 ran.
TOTE: Win, 20p; places, 16p, 37p, 37p, P. Walwyn, at Lambourn. 4l, 6l.

3.45 (3.47) RUGELEY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £545: 1m 50yd)
Eversholt, gr c, by Above Suspicion—Holme Lacy (B. Hobbs), 9-3 ... G. Lewis (3-1 jt fav) 1
Mayumba, ch c, by Devon—Mayaguez (Miss G. Lawson), 8-4 ... Ron Hutchinson (14-1) 2
Jim Coiner, b g, by Current Coin—Golden Windfall (Mrs J. Ramsden), 7-13 ... B. Rouse (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 jt fav Water Hyacinth, 5-1 Premier Cru, 13-1 Pichal, 14-1 All Roses, 20-1 Christmas Comet, Sowes Ferme, Carry On Father (4th). 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 38p; places, 19p, 27p, 14p; dual forecast, 95p. B. Hobbs, at Newmarket. 4l, 4l.

4.15 (4.19) MAYDAY SPRINT PLATE (3-y-o: £483: 5f 190yd)
Peranka, gr c, by Klairon or Palestine—Carrecho (W. McEnery), 8-10 ... A. Kimberley (6-1) 1
Solo Violin, b c, by So Blessed—Maxim's (H. Zeisel), 8-5 ... P. Durr (9-2) 2
Fearless Boy, ch c, by Yellow God—Madam Clare (D. Robinson), 8-10 ... B. Raymond (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt fav Western Goddess, Ra..., 5-1 La Vingt-Huit (4th), 16-1 Miss Belvedere, 20-1 Canary Cal, Evasivevitch, 25-1 St Gay, Woodside Star, Some Night, Storm Torch, Glussy Style, Glen Bay. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, 58p; places, 31p, 15p, 36p, J. Hindley, at Newmarket. 4l, 2l.

4.45 (4.56) LICHFIELD PLATE (Div II: 2-y-o maidens: £414: 5f)
Square Halo, b f, by Welsh Saint—St Mary's Square (J. Burns), ... P. Cook (4-1) 1
Balligreat, b f, by Great Nephew—Bali (J. Edmonds), 8-8 ... *I. Johnson* (33-1) 2
Eastern Jewel, b f, by Easter Island—Highland Jewel (J. Lloyd), 8-11 ... C. Moss (33-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Scimone, 5-1 Grecian Cloud, 6-1 Tudor Monarch (4th), 12-1 James Junior, 14-1 Sweet Saint and *Golden Bird*, 25-1 *Morella*, 33-1 Ballycall, Cruz Boy, Faltos, Megalator, Morgan's Pride. 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 68p; places, 26p, 45p, 23.79. B. Swift, at Epsom. 4l, nk. Ballycall finished 4th but was disqualified for failing to weigh-in. Red Shirt did not run.

5.15 (5.25) WATLING STREET PLATE (Div II: 3-y-o maidens: £414: 1m 1f)
Sky Venture, b c, by Hopeful Venture—Fair Game (Lt-Col Sir J. Scott), 9-0 ... R. Edmondson (9-4 fav) 1
Genial Miss, b f, by My Swanee—Free Times (Mrs M. Grogan), 8-6 ... A. Bond (8-1) 2
Levante, br f, by Levmoss—Padanie (E. Loder), 8-11 ... M. L. Thomas (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Criterion, 11-2 Grey Presto, 6-1 Ugo, 16-1 Derring Boy, 20-1 Lionsmeed, Piu, Shr Thawed, Skippers Walk, Bank House, Clovara (4th), Rising Flight. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 51p; places, 15p, 16p, 35p, D. Sasse at Upper Lambourn. 5l, 7l. Thunder Run did not run.

5.40 (5.51) WATLING STREET PLATE (Div III: 3-y-o maidens: £414: 1m 1f)
James Three, ch c, by Jimmy Reppin—Queen's Evidence (J. Vanner), 9-0 ... J. Moriarty (9-2) 1
Ghilla, b f, by Sahib—Floating Melody (Mrs S. Williams), 8-11 ... P. Waldron (3-1 fav) 2
Double Two, ch c, by Pals Passage—Terre Bleu (C. Antell), 9-0 ... A. Kimberley (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Albanica (4th), 7-1 Town Jester, 12-1 Royal Bride, 14-1 Sams Swance, 16-1 Patiala, Skirs the Limit, 25-1 Welcome Sara, Blue Laser, Brave Heart, Adamay, Cynelva, Bonperdie, Lingwell Lady. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, 74p; places, 18p, 14p, 20p, D. Keith, at Winchester. 1½l, 2½l.
TOTE DOUBLE: March Crusader, Eversholt, £8.60. TREBLE: Stand Off, Attorney General, Peranka, £8.50.

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2.30 (2.34) BARNTON HANDICAP (£486: 5f)
Will's Star, ch g, by Dunoon Star—Will's Girl (L. Barratt), 7-7-11 ... L. Charnock (3-1 fav) 1
Alarm Call, ch c, by Bleep Bleep—Cry Help (M. Taylor), 3-9-0 ... S. Eccles (8-1) 2
Alexben, b c, by Ben Novus—Alex M (Mrs J. Gold), 4-8-9 ... R. Williams (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Relative Ease, 7-1 Dinsdale Lad, 10-1 Kernel Rose (4th), 12-1 Cannie Cassie, Golden Sleigh, Major Falcon, Machine, 20-1 Before the Mast, Bower Club, Lovely Boy, Just a Touch. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 31p; places, 16p, 22p, 87p. L. Barratt, at Oswestry. Nk, 1½l. Gall Performance did not run.

3.0 (3.5) COLINTON PLATE (2-y-o fillies: £345: 5f)
Meadlands, br f, by Runnymede—Phyllida (B. Allis), 8-10 ... O. Gray (6-5 fav) 1
Another Native, b f, by Native Prince—Another Flutter (S. Reakes), 9-1 ... E. Eldin (6-1) 2
Night Glow, br f, by *Firestreak*—Enchanted Evening (R. Sangster), 8-8 ... S. Perks (11-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Donnaston, 6-1 Fair Sarita (4th), 16-1 River Petterill, Carkey Girl, Goyer, Hel'land Mary, Market Maid, Shy Maid, Star of Ormonde. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 23p; places, 13p, 17p, 42p. E. Collingwood, at Middleham. 2l, ¾l. Demanding did not run.

3.30 (3.31) *LEITH HANDICAP* (£533: 1m 3f)
DAVETT, b m, by Typhoon—Phrygia (Mrs A. Craig), 6-9-7 ... R. Lesson (11-4 fav) 1
Setra, gr c, by Pongee—Lucy Jinks (J. Winter), 4-8-8 ... S. Webster (9-1) 2
Black Fire, b f, by Firestreak—Straight Off (A. Leggat), 4-8-10 ... G. Oldroyd (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 King Midas, 13-2 Sky Tour, 15-2 Kilbairon (4th), 8-1 Onward Tamame, Murton Crags, 12-1 Woswyn, 20-1 Tiny Word, Lords, Orion. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 36p; places, 23p, 24p, 99p. T. Craig, at Dunbar. 1l, sh hd.

4.0 (4.2) SLATEFORD HANDICAP (£480: 1m)
Wolds Way, b f, by Frankincense—Gypsey Race (L. Smith), 4-8-6 ... S. Salmon (7-1) 1
Czardas Prince, b c, by Rollance II—Water Baby (H. Zeisel), 4-8-13 ... A. *Cousins* (8-1) 2
Tid, b c, by Raeburn II—Irish Rising (Mrs E. Bell), 4-8-7 ... E. Johnson (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Medina Boy, 11-2 Esterel, 6-1 Nolski, 12-1 Rolius (4th), 16-1 Black Peter, 20-1 Night Affair, Binkie, Auchentibber, Sereona, Fly Byrd. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 76p; places, 21p, 22p, 20p. P. Metcalfe, at Coxwold. Sh hd, ½l.

4.30 (4.35) DUDDINGSTON PLATE (3-y-o: £345: 7f)
Le Grand Meaulnes, b c, by Prince Tenderfoot—Arctic Chimes (Ld Lambton), 9-0 ... P. Kelleher (3-1) 1
Davis, b c, by *Manacle—Windsor* Pearl (Mrs F. Russell), 9-0 ... S. Perks, 20-1 2
Alsa, ch c, by Midsummer Night II—Thoughtful Light (E. Boots), 8-11 ... O. Gray (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Busman's Holiday (4th), 13-2 London Raf, 8-1 High Walk, Long Kiss, 14-1 Simply Heavenly, 16-1 Granville Court, 20-1 French Master, Alack. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 20p, £1.03, 35p; dual forecast, £1.40. Denys Smith at Bishop Auckland. 1½l, 3l.

5.0 (5.01) CORSTORPHINE PLATE (£345: 1m 4f)
Enryco Mieo, ch c, by David Jack—Bag of Bones (H. Zeisel), 3-8-8 ... T. Lappin (5-1) 1
Pearly, ch f, by Gulf Pearl—Jeanette (A. Snipe), 3-7-12 ... M. Birch (3-1) 2
Double Pearl, ch f, by Gulf Pearl—Bay Pearl (W. Jackson), 4-9-4 ... J. Skilling (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Now 'N' Then, 6-1 Chivas Regal, 10-1 Derrienne (4th), 20-1 Stand By, Miss Overton. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 59p; places, 23p, 22p, 56p; dual forecast, £1.40. K. Payne, Middleham. ¾l, 1½l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Davett and Le Grand Meaulnes, £13.60.
TOTE TREBLE: Meadlands, Wolds Way, and Enryco Mieo, £25.30.

Southwell

2.15: 1, Boolavonge (9-2); 2, Jimmy Lighter (12-1); 3, Charlie Tip (8-1). Heracles 8-11 fav. 14 ran. Swanland did not run.
3.45: 1, Connecticut (9-4 fav); 2, High Wire (9-2); 3, Karatina (30-1). 24 ran.
3.15: 1, Front Bencher (9-1); 2, Assembly Point (8-1); 3, Light Master (12-1). Tremendous and Jave River 6-1 jt-favs. 24 ran.
3.45: 1, *Mr Savin* (2-1); 2, Most Obliging (7-4 fav); 3, Kathy's Boy (14-1). 16 ran.
4.15: 1, Tostal Time (6-1 jt-fav); 2, Dream Isle (14-1); 3, Ecarte (6-1 jt-fav). 19 ran. Avie's Cheque, Pine Lodge and Saupart's Choice did not run.
4.45: 1, Frockham Brae (25-1); 2, Mustard and Cress (20-1); 3, The Dene (15-2). Kara-Pour 9-4 fav. 15 ran.
5.15: 1, Caldy Light (7-1); 2, Dingle Poke (7-1); 3, Royal Exchange (5-4 fav). 13 ran.
5.45: 1, Leros (5-1); 2, Maidensgrove (9-1); 3, Warm Welcome (15-2). Kilkitab 6-4 fav. 14 ran.
6.15: 1, Jewel of Meath (18-1); 2, Perdinia (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Firefoot (12-1). Walberswick 9-4 jt-fav. 13 ran. Spring Dreamer did not run.
6.45: 1, Tandala (5-2); 2, Reikoume (2-1 fav); 3, Peace Pact (16-1). 12 ran.

Fontwell Park

2.0: 1, Napoleon (9-2 jt-fav); 2, Conned (10-1); 3, Local Talent (9-2 jt-fav). 17 ran. Copper Beacon did not run.
2.30: 1, Shark Bay (11-2); 2, Jayride (9-1); 3, Lord Leo (10-1). Richo's Melody 2-1 fav. 18 ran. First Test did not run.
3.0: 1, St Swithin (9-1); 2, Cape Clarendon (9-1); 3, Osbaldeston (7-2 fav). 18 ran.
3.30: 1, Fortina's Palace (6-1); 2, Mr Twomey (13-1); 3, Cloudamere (evens fav). 10 ran.
4.0: 1, Nelson Boy (20-1); 2, Setra (14-1); 3, Gay Future (5-2 fav). 18 ran. Invincible, Veyatie, Marrie Lord and The King did not run.
4.30: 1, Headsprite (5-2 fav); 2, Mr Vimy (7-2); 3, Rainborough (11-2). 15 ran. Kolty's Hero did not run.

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No. 00978 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Mr Registrar Dearbergh in the Matter of BEN TURNER & SON (HOLDINGS) Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948.
Notice is hereby given that by an ORDER dated the 15th day of April, 1975, made in the above matters the Court has directed a MEETING of the holders of the Ordinary Shares of the above-named Company (hereinafter called "the Company") not beneficially owned by Turner Curzon Limited or by Curzon Industrial Holdings Limited to be convened for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving (with or without modification) a Scheme of Arrangement proposed to be made between (1) Curzon Industrial Investments Limited and the holders of its Ordinary Shares not beneficially owned by Turner Curzon Limited, (2) the Company and the holders of its said Ordinary Shares and (3) Turner Curzon Limited and that such Meeting will be held at the Abercorn Rooms, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2, on Wednesday, the 28th day of May, 1975, at 10.40 o'clock in the forenoon (or so soon thereafter as the Extraordinary General Meeting of Curzon Industrial Investments Limited convened for the same day and place shall have been concluded or adjourned) at which place and time all the aforesaid Shareholders are requested to attend.
Any person entitled to attend the said Meeting can obtain copies of the said Scheme of Arrangement, forms of Proxy and copies of the Statement required to be furnished pursuant to Section 207 of the above-mentioned Act at the registered office of the Company at Sendmarsh Works, Ripley, Woking in the County of Surrey and at the office of the undermentioned Solicitors at the address mentioned below during usual business hours on any day (other than Saturday, Sunday or Bank Holiday) prior to the day appointed for the said Meeting.
The said Shareholders may vote in person at the said Meeting or may appoint another person whether a Member of the Company or not as their proxy to attend and vote in their stead.
It is requested that forms appointing proxies be lodged with the Registrars of the Company, Mountnall Registrars Limited, Ashcombe House, Queen Street, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 1BR not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the said Meeting, but if forms are not so lodged they may be handed to the Chairman at the Meeting.
In the case of joint holders the vote of the senior who tenders a vote whether in person or by proxy will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders and for this purpose seniority will be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register of Members.
By the said Order the Court has appointed John Wakeham, or failing him, Peter Christian Vardy, or failing him, John Harold Carter, to act as Chairman of the said Meeting and has directed the Chairman to report the result thereof to the Court.
The said Scheme of Arrangement will be subject to subsequent approval of the Court.
Dated the 5th day of May, 1975.
RICHARDS, BUTLER & CO., Stone House, 128/140 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 3HY. Solicitors for the Company.

No. 001366 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court in the Matter of MICHAEL P. CORCORAN Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.
Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named *Company* by the High Court of Justice was on the 21st day of April 1975 presented to the said Court by Sandell Perkins Limited whose registered office is situate at Cobtree Wharf, Aylesford, Maidstone, Kent, Timber Merchants, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 19th day of May 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said *Company desirous to support or* oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
BRABY & WALLER, 2-3 Hind Court, Fleet Street, London, EC4A 3DS. *Solicitors for the* Petitioner.
NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on, or send by post to, the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any) and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 16th day of May 1975.

No. 001445 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of TITAN LEATHER COMPANY Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.
Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 25th day of April 1975, presented to the said Court by Pavlova Leather Company Limited whose registered office is situate at: Cemetery Road, Abingdon-on-Thames, Oxon, Leather Tanners, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 19th day of *May 1975, and* any creditor or contributory of the said company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
HERBERT OPPENHEIMER, NATHAN & VANDYK, 20, Copthall Avenue, London Wall, E.C.2. Solicitors for the Petitioner.
NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on, *or send by* post to, the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or if a firm, the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any) and must be served, or if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 16th day of May 1975.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of ULTRA SHIPPING & *PACKING SERVICES Ltd. (In Liquidation)*.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of 19, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA on Wednesday the 28th day of May, 1975 at 11.45 a.m. to be followed at 12 noon by a General Meeting of the Creditors for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-up to date.
Dated this 1st day of May, 1975
M. J. LONDON, Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 in the Matter of FINCHCASTLE Limited Nature of Business: Insurance Brokers and agents.
WINDING UP ORDER MADE 17th March 1975
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 20th May 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London ECIN 2HD at *11.00 o'clock.*
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.
D. A. WILLIAMS Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 in the Matter of DOWNRIDGE Limited Nature of Business: Investment and property company.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 10th March 1975.
DATE AND PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 20th May 1975, at Room 239 Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NP at 12 noon o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES On the same day and at the same place at 12.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 in the Matter of FOLIO FILMS Limited. Nature of Business: Film makers, producers, directors, and technicians.
WINDING UP ORDER MADE 14th April, 1975.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 20th May, 1975, at Room G30, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 in the Matter of REVAD Properties Limited Nature of Business: Property investment company.
WINDING UP ORDER MADE 24th March 1975.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
Creditors 20th May 1975 at Room 239 Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6NP at 3 o'clock.
Contributories on the same day at the same place at 3.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 00977 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Group "A" Mr. Registrar Dearbergh in the Matter of CURZON INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.
Notice is *hereby given that* by an ORDER dated the 15th day of April 1975 made in the above matters the Court has directed a MEETING of the holders of the Ordinary Shares of the above-named Company (hereinafter called "the Company") *not beneficially owned by* Turner Curzon Limited to be convened for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving (with or without modification) a Scheme of Arrangement proposed to be made between (1) the Company and the *holders of its said Ordinary Shares*, (2) Ben Turner & Son (Holdings) Limited and the holders of its Ordinary Shares not beneficially owned by Turner Curzon Limited or by Curzon Industrial Holdings Limited and (3) Turner Curzon Limited and that such Meeting will be held at The Abercorn Rooms, Bishopsgate, London E.C.2 on Wednesday the 28th day of May 1975 at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon at which place and time all the aforesaid Shareholders are requested to attend.
ANY person entitled to attend the said Meeting can obtain copies of the said Scheme of Arrangement, forms of Proxy and copies of the Statement required to be furnished pursuant to Section 207 of the above-mentioned Act at the Registered Office of the said Company situate at 4 John Street, London, W.C.1 and at the office of the undermentioned Solicitors at the address mentioned below during usual business hours on any day (other than a Saturday Sunday or *Bank Holiday*) *prior to the* day appointed for the said Meeting.
The said Shareholders may vote in person at the said Meeting or they may appoint another person whether a Member of the Company or not as their proxy to attend and vote in their stead.
It is requested that forms appointing proxies be lodged with the Registrars of the Company Messrs. Amsdon, Cossart & Wells, Bourne House, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4UO not less *than 48 hours before the time* appointed for the said Meeting but if forms are not so lodged they may be handed to the Chairman at the Meeting.
In the case of joint holders the vote of the senior who tenders a *vote whether in person or by proxy* will be accepted to the exclusion of the Votes of the other joint holders and for this purpose seniority will be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register of Members.
By the said Order the Court has appointed JOHN WAKEHAM, or failing him, DAVID DUDLEY MORGAN, or failing him, RICHARD DAVID WINSLOE, to act as Chairman of the said Meeting and has directed the Chairman to report the result thereof to the Court.
The said Scheme of Arrangement will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Court.
Dated the 6th day of May, 1975.
THEODORE GODDARD & CO., 16 St. Martin's-le-Grand London EC1A 4EJ. Solicitors for the Company.

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Queen's Bench Division Admiralty Court Ship THE "TRANSIDAHO"
Notice is hereby given to all persons with CLAIMS against Hudson Waterways Corporation the Owners of the Ship "Transidaho" in respect of the COLLISION between the "Transidaho" and the Ferry Terminal Jetty at Felixstowe which occurred on the 26th January, 1972 that, in the Admiralty Action in the High Court of Justice, 1972 Folio 136 between the said Hudson Waterways Corporation, Plaintiffs and Pickfords Heavy Haulage Limited and others, Defendants, a decree was made on the 22nd April, 1975
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MESSRS INCE & CO., Knolly's House, 11 *Byward Street*, London, EC3R 5EN. Solicitors for the said HUDSON WATERWAYS CORPORATION

No. 001469 of 1975
IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of CAR PURCHASE Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 28th day of April 1975 presented to the said Court by Shobhana Kishor Desani (*Married Woman*), 10 Hillcrest Road, London, W.5.
And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on the 9th day of June 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
ALLEN & OVERY, 9 Cheapside, London, E.C.2.
Note.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, *if a firm*, the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-*named not later than four o'clock* in the afternoon of the 6th day of June 1975.

In the Matter of The Companies Acts, 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of W. E. WHITE & SONS (TOWAGE) Limited (In Liquidation).
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants, of 19, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA on Friday, the 23rd day of May, 1975, at 11 a.m., *to be followed at 11.15* a.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.
Dated this 28th day of April, 1975.
O. N. MARTIN, Liquidator.

In the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948 and in the Matter of SWIFT-MINSTER SALES Limited Registered Office: 344 Salisbury House, London Wall, London, E.C.2.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a MEETING *of the* CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at 344 Salisbury House, London Wall, London, E.C.2 on 30th May 1975 at 12 noon for the purpose mentioned in Section 294 et seq of the said Act.
Dated this 28th day of April 1975
By Order of the Board, C. S. BRADDY, Director.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of BELGRAVIA ROYAL Limited Nature of Business: Hoteliers.
WINDING UP ORDER MADE 21st April, 1975.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 20th May, 1975, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6NP at 3.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of NEOTINA Limited Nature of Business: Property developers
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 14th April 1975
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 20th May 1975, at Room 239 Templar House 81 High Holborn London WC1V 6NP at 2.00 o'clock
CONTRIBUTORIES On the same day and at the same place at 2.30 o'clock
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

In the Matter of A. & R. (WINDSOR) Limited
By Order of the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE dated the 11th day of April 1975 Mr Henry Charles Troby, of 5, Great James Street, London, WC1N 3DA has been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named *Company with a Committee of* Inspection.
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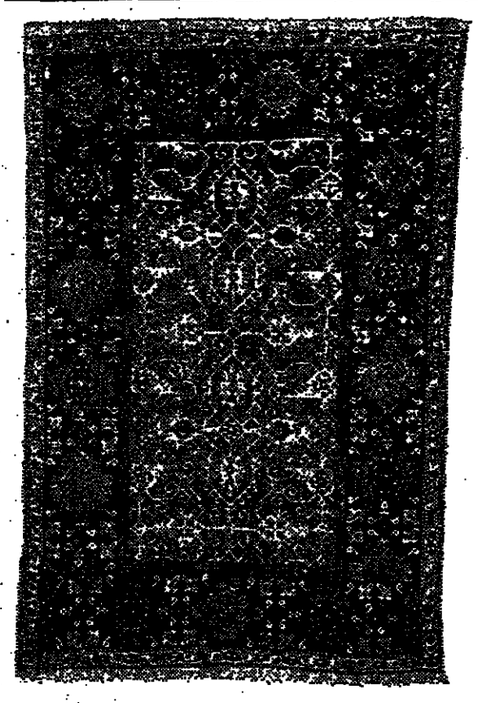
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Will the voice of Britain be little more than a squeak inside the EEC?

One of Britain's main problems is the defeatism of those in positions of influence, according to Mr Peter Shore, the Secretary of State for Trade—and to those Establishment defeatists, the EEC venture looks very attractive.

"Real rotten defeatism", Mr Shore called it in an interview in his office near Westminster Abbey. I had ventured to suggest to this leading opponent of the EEC that the issue had little to do with Britain's real problems (poor industrial relations, under-investment and so on).

"No, it's absolutely central", he said with that quiet private charm which he hides so effectively in his public orations. "I think the problems of the UK, apart from the overwhelming financial or resource problems which Opec oil prices have presented us with, concern national psychology. There is a defeatism in the UK, particularly among those people who have the greatest influence. Real, rotten defeatism.

"Therefore they don't believe in any possibility of national solutions. That is why they find this European thing so attractive. We haven't joined the EEC—we've collapsed into it. Two and a half years in, and we're up to our waist. So I don't think you will get the action, the resolution and the restraints which are needed in the United Kingdom to cope with our problems."

Why had these attributes not been in evidence during the years when British governments enjoyed untrammelled sovereignty outside the EEC? "On various occasions they were: it was far from being all disaster. I think we know what major national economic decisions were wrongly adhered to in the postwar period. Probably the most important was the exchange rate.

"But up to 1970 there was a general understanding of what was needed. People were prepared to respond. We had an incomes policy and all the rest, which people by and large accepted. Then you had the great denunciation (by Mr Heath) of so-called consensus politics, and a radicalizing of British politics in the 1970-73 period. I agree we have to find a new balance. But when you face great difficulties as a country, it doesn't seem to me that the way to overcome them is to cease being a country."

Mr Shore himself showed considerable pessimism (well short of defeatism) about some of these difficulties, especially Britain's vast balance of trade deficit, much of which is with the EEC.

"I think some very gloomy conclusions can be drawn from these trends of the last three years. One of them is undoubtedly that British industry is in very many sections showing itself unready to meet competition on an increasing scale from continental Europe. That wasn't exactly what pro-Marketeers and the CBI expected three years ago, and it raises acutely the problem of what we are going to do about it."

Would he recommend putting up import tariffs and further subsidies to help British industry to become even less competitive?

"I shall not answer that one affirmatively", Mr Shore replied. "There are many possibilities. All I say is, when you are bleeding, sooner or later you have to apply a tourniquet in one form or another, don't you?"

The Government had, he said, tried damping down domestic demand, thus encouraging industry to develop export markets. There had indeed been a noticeable change in our trade situation in relation to other countries, but not at all with the EEC and that was a very marked and worrying exception. "It has got steadily worse each half year", he said.

"A lot of things we are buying so heavily we are just not producing. You may say it's incredible that we're not. But take piping for the North Sea. An enormous amount of steel is being imported into the United Kingdom. Why aren't we produced it? It's not a question of producing inefficiently in the United Kingdom. It's just not there. Why not? Address that to governments and steel masters of past years."

All Mr Shore had said seemed to indicate that the EEC Six had run things better and prospered from membership. "Of course the Six enjoyed a faster rate of growth in the 1960s, they had ten years of it. We have not done anything like as well, for various reasons.

"But then you have to consider very carefully whether, if that is so, in a period of some weakness for us historically, it is sensible for us to to throw in our lot with the EEC, to deliberately accept all kinds of disciplines on our economic and industrial policy which previously were not there, and whether it is right to abandon a century-old policy of buying food from wherever in the world it is cheapest. If anybody believed all this guff about the new, changed, permanent relativities between world prices and CAP prices, you would not have the massive, Maginot-line defence of the CAP which you have in Brussels today."

For good measure, Mr Shore regards as "very questionable" the idea that there will be a resumption of economic growth on anything like the previous scale. He sees the 1960s as the miraculous decade for Europe, but has doubts about the 70s and 80s though he hopes the United Kingdom will have its own economic miracle in the 80s "if we conduct ourselves sensibly".

In many ways, Mr Shore is the most interesting of the senior Labour opponents to the EEC. He is not a man of the left—"I always think of myself as of the centre left, a fairly creative position in the Labour Party", he says. He has seen the reality of the European Commission and the Council of Ministers at first hand in Brussels, yet has not been converted like Mr Callaghan and Mr Peart. He appears to be motivated by convictions, and when away from the over-simplifications of the public podium, can argue persuasively.

He reminds one that his views are shared by "the substantial majority of the Labour movement in every forum you can think of other than the Cabinet".

"The Labour movement has this instinctive feeling about the EEC because, after all, it came into existence to do things to the economy in the interests of ordinary people. The whole promise of political democracy for Labour people has been its great potential not only for ordinary people to influence high decisions, but to have an increasing influence over the control of economic forces.

"To present them thereafter with a picture in which a large number of the instruments for influencing economic policy are really transferred from United Kingdom Ministers and Parliament and decided by the commission and council in Brussels is a very major change indeed. For the average Labour person, it's like giving the House of Lords back its powers, and this when the whole business of making political democracy real and responsive has been to force decision making out of the hands of non-elected people."

Real prospects for increased prosperity would, he concedes, have to be weighed as an argument against the democratic objections against membership and the broad political arguments about how we can best make use of our influence in the world. But he can descry no such prospects, rather the contrary.

Britain's resources can best be mobilized and mastered outside rather than inside the EEC, he believes. "The whole doctrine and practice of the EEC, the freedom of movement of resources, not just of trade but of money, firms, establishments, people and labour points to a different solution. It's one which is profoundly unwelcome and potentially destructive of the United Kingdom."

Nor does he believe that Britain can best maximize its influence in the world through membership. Yet would Britain bulk large by itself at, say the current Gatt talks on liberalizing world trade? "At least we would have a voice. The very idea that British interests are going to be strongly reflected through a Community spokesman! We reach the kind of absurdities where in the efforts to speak with one voice in the EEC, we are left voiceless—or perhaps the voice contains a British squeak."

As for Mr Shore's first hand experience of the EEC's workings, he has found the European Commission "an extremely interesting institution, and many of its servants are I think people of outstanding ability. What is wrong is not the people but its intolerable, unconstitutional position". The Council of Ministers he regards as "a bit of a shambles". More seriously, he regrets what he sees as a "tremendous increase of purely official influence in policy-making". It is the Committee of Permanent Representatives (Coreper) the envoys of the Nine who meet weekly to prepare council meetings—which he considers the dominant insitution. "Unless ministers are particularly attentive in the council, it is really just officials making the policy. And in the United Kingdom, you get things drawn into the Foreign Office control of the Brussels mission."

Roger Berthoud

Why dons are outraged about being second best

University teachers are probably no one's idea of militant workers. Intellectually and professionally there is no group more anxious to avoid adding to inflation. Yet they are so angered by the failure of their salary negotiations that today they are staging a protest and bracing themselves for further action.

Like several other professional groups, they suffered particularly badly from the statutory incomes policy. Unlike many others, the doctors and civil servants for example, they have not since been allowed to catch up. Their claim for a reappraisal of 18 per cent for last October was turned down flat. One matter of concern in this was the two months it took for their claim to get from one stage of the negotiating machinery to another. A second was its rejection on a one-sided interpretation of the twelve-month rule enshrined in the Social Contract. That odd document has been used like a kaleidoscope by whoever happens to hold the determining power in wage negotiations; and it was unfortunate for university teachers that Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education, was in a position to make the rulings.

There was some understanding of his attitude. It was part of his struggle to persuade his colleagues to take wage-induced inflation seriously. But striking at a soft target was predictably unlikely to earn him a reputation as a giant-killer. What additionally angered university teachers was his refusal to agree to arbitration, which was a natural expectation in terms both of their negotiating machinery and of the Social Contract, and which accorded with the principle of reasonableness on which universities and—it was thought—governments usually operate.

Feelings also mounted because of the different treatment meted out to polytechnic teachers last December. The Houghton Report gave them rises back-dated to the previous April that, on the basis of doing 50 per cent of their teaching at the level of degrees, put them immensely ahead of university teachers. And they escaped the Social Contract as a "special case". However, Mr Prentice met the negotiators and appeared to impress his colleagues at least with the dangers of a public row over a refusal to arbitrate. Some credit to him, he came forward with an exploratory two-stage proposal.

University teachers could negotiate immediately a salary increase to be paid in stages between next October and October 1976 to give them "broad comparability" with the post-Houghton position of the polytechnics. In short, they could abandon one year's rise and part of another's, but the eventual rise would be tolerably sure to be paid. They could later negotiate a cost-of-living increase (since the polytechnics are just about to get precisely that), but its payment would depend on government policy in force at the time. The scheme was much less than was deserved, but at least it was movement.

In the course of tough negotiations, however, what has since become clear is that broad comparability means close identity—only worse. In spite of some concessions, there has been no yielding at the crucial point, the top of the lecturer scale. University lecturers are to take two more years than their polytechnic colleagues to reach the same salary ceiling. The universities' protests are hardly surprising.

The issues raised are serious. Salaries are important for individuals. But what was offered as an escape from the box of the Social Contract seems to have become another box, including the institutions. In terms of graduate and research output and the talent required to produce them, the universities are at the moment, at any rate, ahead of the polytechnics. No one objects to the polytechnics developing. But the sticking-point on the lecturer scale seems to suggest that it is now policy to dilu the universities. This comes a time when university finan has already taken a territ drubbing. In the past t years supplementation for flation has been halved, th scrapped, then partly restor For next year it has be guaranteed 100 per cent, but an insufficient base. There h been no compensation for n supplementation. The recurr grant for 1976-77 has still to determined, and for next qu quennium it is anyone's gue Vacant academic posts ha frequently been left unfille libraries and laboratories being deprived of essen funds. Research council mon are hard to come by, and vi building projects have had be shelved. Before the lat threat there was already serious danger to the fun mental standards of the uni sities. When university st demonstrate, they are certai concerned to restore their c comparative standard of livi as is only fair. But they equally concerned to prese the university system for w it means in skilled manpo and advanced research society at large.

In the salary negotiati the Secretary for Educa and his department have a tionally illustrated how m power they have in the called private sector—m than in the public. And tingly or otherwise they h resorted to unfair methods utilizing the Houghton Rep The universities and t staffs gave no evidence; the whole exercise had noth to do with universities their future. Univer teachers are also demonst ing for fully representa and direct discussions on fate of one of the count greatest assets, the autonom universities.

William Walla

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Bernard Levin

A mug at Ascot, or how I got taken for a ride

I suppose they must have suspected right from the start that horse-racing is something with which I am less than entirely at home (which reminds me that I once read an article, in a series on collecting, that began with the memorable words: "Pewter is not everybody's cup of tea"), because when they rang up to ask if I would care to come to Ascot last week, I replied: "Is that something called the Derby?", and their suspicion must have turned to certainty when, in my letter confirming my acceptance of so promising an invitation, I inquired—wishing, as ever, to do the right thing—whether they would be kind enough to let me know at what points I should shout, respectively: "Up the Gunners", "Out of court" and "Oh, well bowled, Sir", though having regard to the likelihood that unpleasant rumours are even now getting about—or, even more probable in view of the company I found myself in, being *put* about—I must make it clear that I did not arrive enveloped in an enormous red-and-white muffler and carrying a wooden rattle and a case of stout, despite the fact that, in view of the perishing cold, the muffler would have come in handy, though as against that I have to admit that the same could not be said of the stout, as my host's assurance that there would be any amount of wet available was handsomely lived up to throughout.

My host and hostess (I have always maintained that in giving an account of this kind of experience one should, to avoid any possibility of causing embarrassment, refrain from using real names, so I shall simply call them "the Advertising Man and his wife", or, lest such an expression should seem cumbrous, "Johnny and Shelagh Metcalf" and I shall use equally fictitious names for my fellow-guests, such as "Mr and Mrs Alistair Cooke" and "Charles Wintour"), knowing how keen I am to remain comfortable at all times, assured me that we would be under cover throughout, whereat I envisaged some kind of canvas awning to keep the rain off, and was therefore pleasantly surprised to discover that my destination appeared to be a vast block of flats (and one, moreover, not constructed from high-alumina cement) which was said to be the Grandstand, and was fully grand enough even for my exacting tastes.

One of these flats was where I was to watch the racing, and the windows commanded a splendid view of everything that was to be seen. Someone kindly pointed out to me the various sights, explaining their various functions; thus I learned to distinguish "bookies", "punters" and "horses", and gathered that the first, whenever the second said correctly which of the last would win a given race, were obliged to pay out substantial sums of money, though when I remarked that all the bookies seemed to be stout and prosperous gentlemen, whereas the punters for the most part seemed lean and anxious, I was complimented on my percipience, and told that I had independently discovered an important truth about racing, several more of which, in the course of the afternoon I was destined to learn, including the full import of a song that used to be sung by the late Jerry Colonna, the refrain of which ran:

Horses don't bet on people.
And that's why they never go broke.

When I had thus grasped the principles on which the occasion was based, the drinking began, and continued for some time, as did the eating. After a good deal of this, it was time for the betting. It was here that I felt my lack of experience most keenly, for there seemed to be no way of ascertaining which of the many horses engaged for each race (as you may imagine, they all looked alike to me) would win it. I proposed to inquire of the bookies, and in particular one whose stand was immediately below me and who, in view of the fact that his name was Levy, I felt might be sympathetic, but I was told that such an inquiry would be met with, at best, a good deal of brusqueness; I felt vaguely gratified in consequence when, shortly after it had come on to rain torrentially, Mr Levy's umbrella was blown down.

"Form" (as I was told it was called) being no use to me, I fell back on divination. In the chief race of the meeting, for instance, the prize for which included a trophy of, to judge from its photograph in the programme, exceptional, if not entirely unique, hideousness, there was a horse by the name of Charlie Bubbles. As a dear friend of mine had starred in the film of that name, I determined to back it, despite the fact that it was what is called the favourite—a term indicating, if I understood the explanation correctly, that the bookies, should it win, would be obliged to pay out to each successful punter a sum considerably smaller than would have been the case in the event of any other horse succeeding. No sooner had I determined on this course of action, however, than my eye fell upon the name of another horse in the same race, bearing the name of Questa Notte, which seemed suitable in view of the fact that I was due to go to *Il Trovatore* at Covent Garden the same evening—a circumstance which also seemed to cover yet another horse in the same race, this one hight Gracious Melody. Nor did even this exhaust the possibilities of the third race, for Liberty Lawyer seemed to have a certain attraction, since I have been recently devoting a good deal of attention to one who is undoubtedly a lawyer, and no less undoubtedly guilty of what in popular speech is referred to as a diabolical bleeding liberty. If you add to this list Mrs Tiggywinkle, which had for me romantic associations which are no concern of yours, and King Oedipus, which seemed appropriate in view of the fact that I had also gathered that certain races are called "classics", you will see that the number of favourable omens I had at my disposal was almost embarrassingly large.

I determined to follow my varied luck wherever it might lead, and backed them all, but to my astonishment not one of the enormous list of beasts I had backed was among the first three past the post, and my distress was made all the greater by the company's assurance that in no circumstances would those with whom I had struck the bets entertain a suggestion that they should regard the entire transaction as void *ab initio* and return my money. (I was to some extent mollified, however, by being assured that I was a "mug"—a term which I took to be one of approbation.)

I will not bother you with the full details: suffice it to say that, in the interstices of the eating and drinking I backed horses called, among other things (and some of the things I called them are unfit for publication in a respectable newspaper), Temple of the Sun (did not shine), Abide With Me (abode with the starter), True Lad (false), Run Tell Run (walked), Master Petard (hoist) and Comet Kohoutek (fizzled out), and only the fact that I had to leave before the last race prevented me from attempting to recoup my losses by plunging heavily on Fair Georgina, which I assumed is what must be meant by a "dark horse", and which for all I know is running still. The drinking and eating did my liver no good, I got soaked to the skin between the grandstand and the car park, and my accountant assures me that the losses I incurred are not allowable against income-tax. All in all, Ascot seems a long way to go for cirrhosis, indigestion, pneumonia and bankruptcy, and I cannot imagine why they call this ridiculous business the "sport of kings", if indeed they do. But I got to Covent Garden in time, and *Trovatore* was splendid.

As has already been explained in the news columns of The Times, *a report was published in January, in the course of the hearing before the House of Lords of the recently-concluded rape case, which included, out of context, remarks attributed to Lord Hailsham. The result was that he appeared to be expressing views which he does not in fact hold, and since I based a critical comment on the report, I am glad to say now that his judgment in the case contains nothing to suggest that he holds that a woman's consent to rape may be deduced from her struggles to avoid it, and I offer him an apology for implying otherwise.*

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When the third-year tough girls forced a teacher to resign

Miss Shirley Lloyd, aged 44, spent seven years as a headmistress of an independent day school for girls in London. She lasted just seven days teaching English in a tough girls' comprehensive school in Paddington. For the first time in 22 years of teaching she had to leave the classroom, while it was in uproar, and on the verge of tears, stumbled to the staff room to get help.

A London university undergraduate, she was trained at the Institute of Education: she did her teaching practice in one of London's first comprehensive schools in the mid 1950's and as far as she remembers nobody ever swore at her. Her teaching experience since then was mainly in preparatory schools in Berkshire until she became headmistress of Glendower School for girls in Kensington.

After a year's break in Italy Miss Lloyd decided that she wanted to get back to the classroom. She applied to the Inner London Education Authority and was given a job teaching English for three-and-a-half days a week at Sarah Siddons School which is a purpose-built comprehensive for 1,200 girls.

"The headmistress warned me that it would be a tough job. There had been quite a lot of fighting, and there had even been occasions when teachers had been hit and knocked down", she said. "I thought, big-head that I am, that I would be able to cope".

Her first classes lulled her into a false sense of security. A first-year class of 11-year-olds seemed keen to learn. A fifth-year class of examination kids seemed apathetic, but harmless. Three spent the whole time with their heads in their arms on the desk.

Two minutes before she entered a third-year class (14 to 15-year-old girls) she was handed a text book. "The uproar in the class hit me like a tornado. Quite frankly I was completely unprepared for what happened. Two huge girls were fighting. I was really frightened they would hurt each other. I could not stop them, so I rather let them get on with it. The fight did not last long but there were little squabbles throughout the lesson.

"I had planned to do as I always do. Read a passage and then discuss it with them. This was plainly impossible and I did not try. I tried to get some kind of order but I could not make myself heard above the din. I resigned myself to trying to teach them as individuals. Sadly in every class I taught, even in that terrible third year, there were three or four children who wanted to learn."

The atmosphere in classes did not get any better as she struggled on. She said: "It was practically impossible to keep them in the classroom. They got up and walked out. The worst thing they did was to ignore you completely. I felt better when they turned round and swore at me—which happened frequently. The four letter word appeared in almost every sentence.

"If they did actually sit down, they ate chewing gum constantly, often pulling it out of their mouths in a long line at you. They ate crisps, read magazines or did their hair.

"Other teachers in the staff-room leant over backwards say that other classes were bad as this one, which admittedly had the lowest intake ability. Some teachers point out that many other schools London were much worse. G teacher said that this was li an academy in comparison some."

The end came one Wednesd afternoon. It was the terri third year again. A girl w meant to have been remo from her class to a "wi drawal room". The g decided to turn up in the cla room instead. She disrupt the class by running in a out of the room. She asked f a note to go to the lavato (All the lavatories are ke locked to stop drug-takii Miss Lloyd was told.) S grabbed a pad from M Lloyd and wrote out her o note.

Miss Lloyd left the cl room in mid-uproar to get h from the staffroom. Her h of department managed to the girl out of the class, bu there was still uproar ad her to go to the headmist She did so at the end of lesson and handed in notice.

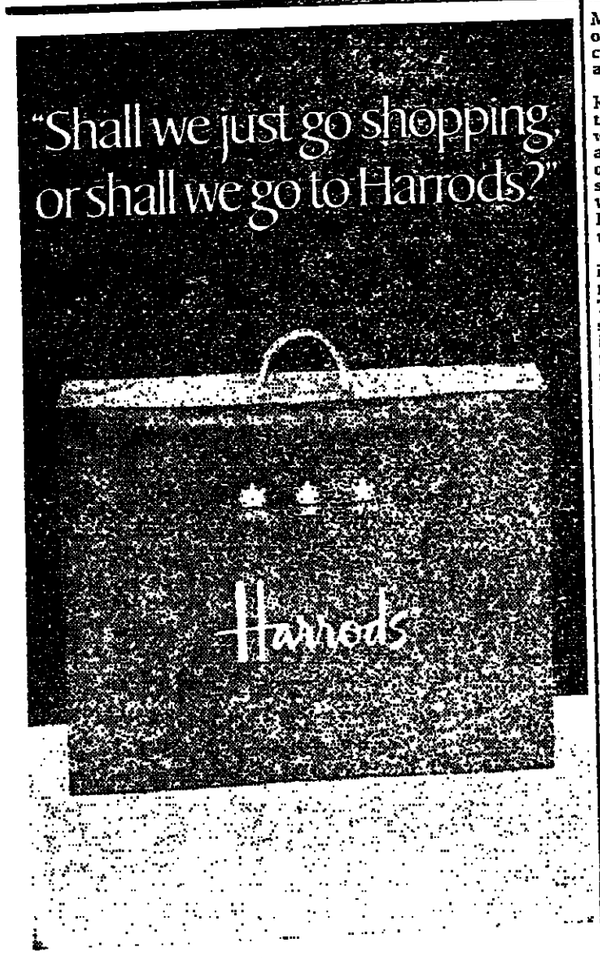
"Perhaps I should have severed", she said. "But could not stand it. I had had this sort of thing to with before".

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The Times Diary

New buccaneers of the Caribbean

Michael Leapman takes time off from the Commonwealth conference in Jamaica to visit a Caribbean tax-free haven:

When I told colleagues in Kingston that I was going to the Cayman Islands for the weekend they winked, nudged and, to a man, said: "Checking on your secret bank account, I suppose". The Caymans are well known as a tax haven but little else. I wanted to find what else, if anything, there is.

Most noticeably there is an impressive population of large, noisy and greedy mosquitoes. They breed in the mangrove swamps, take over the islands in the evening and are a fertile topic of conversation. There are also some turtles, some fine beaches, 186 licensed banks and trust companies, some five thousand registered companies and thirteen thousand people, who enjoy the highest per capita income in the Caribbean.

There are three islands but more than 80 per cent of the people live on Grand Cayman, a coral island shaped roughly like a boot. Until it began to become a tax haven in the 1960s, it was a poor maritime community, administered by Britain from Jamaica. Most of its revenue then came from supplying seamen for United States merchant ships.

Caymanians are descended, they believe, from shipwrecked mariners and pirates taking refuge there. The buccaneering spirit lives on, manifesting itself in the people's attitude to their new role in the tax avoidance industry.

To operate a tax haven successfully you need a penchant for anarchy, a dedication to the freedom of the individual capitalist to dispose of his wealth so as to avoid the tyranny of the tax man. Tax avoidance in the Caymans is elevated to a positive philosophy. A Canadian tax lawyer told a seminar in the Caymans last year that "we have a duty to resist" higher taxation, and this feeling is widespread (in a colony, remember, for which Britain's socialist Government bears ultimate responsibility).

Secrecy

The most fervent exponent of this buccaneering spirit that I came across was Bill Walker, one of the island's 37 lawyers who deal with company affairs. Outside his office are the names of the 800 companies for which it is the registered office—on a large board designed so that new ones can be added easily.

Some are recognizable offshoots of large companies but most have unspecific names giving no clue as to their ownership or purpose. One of the attractions of Cayman company law is that secrecy can be maintained about every aspect of the business. The books do not have to be kept in the Caymans.

Walker explained how simple it was: "A man phoned me from New York on Friday", he said, "and asked me to set him up a company. It'll be fully operational by Wednesday. I've no idea what it's for but I know the man and I'm pretty sure it's nothing disreputable."

Many companies are set up by large international concerns. They invoice goods from their place of origin to the Caymans virtually at cost, then reinvoice them from the Caymans, making most of their profit there and paying no tax on it. While the money cannot be repatriated to the original country without incurring tax, it can be used to finance operations anywhere else in the world.

Some companies are formed on behalf of individuals who, by sending large sums of money out of their countries, are usually breaking their country's tax laws. Walker views this philosophically: "If they want to break their tax laws there's nothing to stop them here. And some countries' tax laws—in South America, for instance — are pretty vicious.

"We have no tax treaties with any country. There are a hell of a lot worse things going on in this world than a little bit of tax evasion."

Everyone I spoke to said they were careful to rule out shady deals as far as they could. Some prefer to call the islands an "international financial centre" because it sounds more respectable than a tax haven.

That is why there was embarrassment last year when, after a large Chicago payroll robbery, some men flew into the Caymans, one with a suitcase full of banknotes. They returned to the United States in the company of FBI agents, but not before they had deposited the money in Cayman banks. The major international banks say they will not accept large deposits of cash from people they do not know, but others are said to be less fussy.

Fervent

The collapse last year of Interbank, a secondary banking institution which had invested heavily in Caymans property development, has made the authorities more careful still. Three other banks were closed down on government orders soon afterwards.

Yet there is still much faith in the future. "A lot of us think we're the only free people left in the world", said Captain Theo Bodden, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

This attitude helps explain the extraordinary ferocious reaction to a development plan which the Government has just proposed.

More a plan for zoning than development, it earmarks all parts of the colony for a specific purpose—residential, industrial, agricultural — except areas which it seeks to protect against any development at all.

Until now, the islands have been developed haphazardly. Much of the land is being sold to American speculators. In front of my hotel, among the usual tourist boutiques and souvenirs shop, is one selling real estate.



Although many purchasers are buying the land as an investment, with no present intention to build homes on it, the administration fear that if a substantial number of Americans do go to live on their land, the local population could be quickly outnumbered.

The locals see it differently. They point out that landowners whose land is not designated for residential use cannot now sell it so profitably.

Drawing on their buccaneering spirit, they are therefore opposing the plan with a amounting almost to h A letter in the local pap "These planners mus been trained in Russia" member of the Le Assembly told me: socialistic plan, moving the communistic".

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While this might seem to make for a less stable situation its effect at the moment is to enhance the importance of the centre. The main parties are forced to concentrate on persuading the middle rather than getting out the faithful. Their own ideological wings become more of a liability than an asset. The more ideological a party becomes the more reluctant are the floating voters to support it. This was one factor in the sharp drop in support for the Social Democrats after the federal election of 1972, and it probably helps to explain the relatively good showing of the liberal Free Democrats on Sunday.

It also provides one reason among many why Herr Strauss, the rumbustious leader of the Bavarian wing of the Christian Democrats, finds that relatively few of his party colleagues want him to be their candidate for the chancellorship next year. He can rouse the right wing and cut into Social Democratic strongholds among the unskilled workers but he alienates the centre as well as mobilising against him the Social Democratic party workers.

Thus the revival in the fortunes of the Social Democrats and Free Democrats which Sunday's election represents is largely the result of their having recaptured the confidence of the floating voters of the centre. They have done this partly by being seen to curb the left wing of the Social Democrats and by refusing to give in to the demands of the terrorists who occupied the German embassy in Stockholm recently. Until then the Opposition were making considerable headway by linking law and order with the relatively free rein which had been given to the left wing by Herr Brandt.

But economics clearly have played a vital role. While economic difficulties do not seem to drive Germans to extremes they do drive them to the Opposition. This trend has still not wholly vanished but it has been arrested. The Government's pump-priming programme of last December is only just beginning to show results in the order books and in a slight decline in unemployment, but the expectations of the people began to revive in February and this was probably more important than the actual performance of the economy. The prospects are generally held to be brighter now, provided exports are not too badly damaged by world recession.

On top of this Herr Schmidt, the Chancellor, has managed to impress a lot of people with his style of government, his firm grip on affairs, and his ability to win cooperation from both unions and employers. Given a fair wind he now seems to have a reasonable chance of winning the federal elections in the autumn of next year.

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So there is an obligation that the refugees be accepted. But by whom? Most of them must clearly go to the United States both because a country of that size is more easily able to absorb them and because that is where the main responsibility lies. But there are two reasons why Britain, among other countries, should take a share. The first is simply that some four thousand of the refugees are in Honkong and it would be provocative, as well as inconvenient, for them to remain indefinitely in a British colony so close to the borders of the Republic of China. Yet if they are to be accepted by other countries Britain must be seen to be taking her share.

The second reason is no less powerful. This is but one of a number of occasions in which western nations are faced with moral or legal claims from potential immigrants. Invariably these claims create dangerous social tensions in the host country. The reaction in the United States now, while not edifying, is not unusual. If these burdens can be shared, even to the extent of token contributions, they can be borne that much more easily. Britain discovered that during the Ugandan Asian affair. For us to accept a large number of Vietnamese now would be unwise. The Government should not take in so many as to provoke a resistance that would make it more difficult to grant entry to other immigrants later for whom we might have a more direct and unequivocal obligation. But for Britain to provide a home for something like a thousand Vietnamese would be both prudent and humane.

BENN-FINNISTON LETTERS

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This episode is important not only for itself, but because it will set precedents for the future relations of nationalized industries with the government of the day. A central point, as Sir Monty perhaps somewhat tactlessly implies in his letter yesterday, is that government and ministers come and go, but the steel industry has to make decisions, the consequences of which will be felt for decades.

The Steel Corporation is in effect saying to Mr Benn that it is statutorily obliged to run itself with some regard to commercial good sense. It accepts that it must do all that a good employer should to mitigate the human consequences of cutting manpower and that it should lead the way in instituting the practices of industrial democracy. If, in addition, Mr Benn in the name of the Government is saying that the corporation should preserve existing jobs as an end in itself, then he will have publicly to relieve the corporation of some of its present obligations.

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Sincerely,
H. A. TURNER,
Churchill College,
Cambridge.
May 4.

Chilston Park

From Mr Michael A. B. Boddington

Sir, In his letter (April 19) about Chilston Park, Lord Chilston takes issue with evidence I presented at a public enquiry into alternative routes for the proposed M20 motorway. I gave evidence on behalf of the South East Road Construction Unit, primarily on agricultural matters, but was asked if I would make an assessment of the amenity value of the trees in the park. Not being an expert in such matters, I requested a highly reputable firm of tree surgeons, Beeching of Ash, to undertake a survey. A senior member, a man of considerable experience and ability, undertook the work and reported to me. In my evidence I summarised his report and reproduced it in full as an appendix.

Lord Chilston states that the report is "unwarrantably damaging and unfair". He also says that it has only recently come into his hands. I have to inform him that his agent was possessed of a copy of the report at the time of the enquiry and had every opportunity to question its contents. I cannot be responsible for the fact that the agent did not see fit to pass the report to Lord Chilston, but I must protest most strongly against the assertions of unwarrantable damage and unfairness. I am convinced that the report was of the highest integrity and was quite objective in its contents.

As far as agricultural matters are concerned, my evidence gave the benefit of the doubt to the tenant of Chilston Park.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL A. B. BODDINGTON,
Managing Director,
Rural Planning Services Ltd,
Forestry House,
Great Milton, Oxford.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The EEC and food prices

From Mr Jim Spicer, Conservative MP for Dorset West

Sir, Mr Buchan's letter (April 30) is so full of mistakes that it is difficult to know where to start.

It is not true to suggest that food prices have been higher as a result of our joining the Common Market. Mrs Shirley Williams said in the House of Commons last Monday that "membership of the Community is at present having no significant effect on food prices overall".

Mr Buchan's belief that world food prices will in the future be lower than the Community's is, frankly, naive. Over the next 20 years the world population is expected to double. That is 70 million extra mouths to feed in the next 12 months alone. If output fails to rise there will be scarcity and very high prices indeed. Already carry-over of stocks from the latest harvest is down to 21 days supply for wheat and six days for rice. In the early seventies we had 90 days supply of wheat in reserve.

Mr Buchan blandly says that we could get beef, lamb, butter cheese and most significant cereals more cheaply outside the EEC. In fact, New Zealand is not even fulfilling her quotas of butter and cheese exports to this country—she can get better prices elsewhere.

On cereals Mr Buchan is on very weak ground indeed. There are no EEC levies applied on grain imports into Britain; in fact there is still an EEC subsidy. The world price of wheat may be falling now, but last year world prices were far above those in the Community. The French President has said that if France had sold her grain and sugar at world prices instead of at Common Market prices she would have been £1,500m better off. The British housewife would have had to pay at least 7p more per 3lb bag of flour.

Beef poses a special problem. At the moment there is a world glut. Sir John Winnifrith will remember a similar situation in 1962. To save the British farmer from ruin then he favoured support buying (intervention) and import controls—not so very different from what the Common Market is doing today.

Of course Mr Buchan does not mention the cheap sugar we get from the Community. After the partial failure of last year's beet harvest and the unwillingness of Commonwealth producers to fulfil their sugar quotas, Britain was obliged to make up the shortfall by buying in the world market, at a price greatly in excess of the Common Market price. The Community has agreed to make up the difference between the low price of their sugar and the high price of world sugar. A 2lb bag of sugar would cost 50p at world prices but only 28p at EEC prices.

The Common Market has given us a good deal on food prices. But, more importantly, because it is nearly self-sufficient it guarantees supplies, and in the next 20 years that is going to be very important indeed.

Yours faithfully,
JIM SPICER,
House of Commons.
May 1.

Commonwealth interests

From Lord Campbell of Eskan

Sir, There is the well known story —which appears in Trollope's *West Indies and the Spanish Main*—that the planters of Barbados sent a message to the British Government during the Napoleonic Wars "Fight on Britain, Barbados is behind you". I was reminded of this by Colonel Robinson's letter (May 2) assuring us, after his recent visit to the Commonwealth Caribbean, that the people there are "generally in favour of Britain's remaining a member (of the EEC)—they say 'but you must'".

My impression is that, understandably, only relatively few people in Commonwealth countries are particularly interested one way or the other; and that most of those who are interested are as cynical about the motives, and as amused by the antics, of those of us in Britain who favour our staying in the EEC; as they are of those of us who believe that it will do us irretrievable damage. They recognize, and rightly, that we shall be guided by what we rightly or wrongly judge to be our own self-interest. Their governments, for their part, will make the best of a bad (or good) job; this is what the Lomé Convention has done.

Colonel Robinson really cannot criticize those of us who have "used the interests of the Commonwealth as one of their arguments against Britain remaining a member"; and then himself use Commonwealth arguments in favour.

Yours faithfully,
CAMPBELL OF ESKAN,
15 Eaton Square, SW1.
May 2.

Mikhail Leviev

From the Bishop of Warrington and others

Sir, We, the undersigned, are appealing for clemency for Mr Mikhail Leviev, the Russian Jew sentenced to death on December 3, 1974 in the USSR for economic offences. The sentence has now been confirmed.

We regard this sentence as barbaric, believing as we do that no one of whatever race or religion should be executed for such a non-capital misdemeanour in a civilized country.

Good Soviet-Canadian relations recently led to the commuting of the death sentence of a Mr David Geldiashvili, a non-Jew, who was said to be responsible for the murder of 3,000 people during World War Two. We sincerely hope that the Soviet Government will similarly commute the sentence passed on Mr Leviev for infinitely less serious offences as a gesture of good will in view of the détente between this country and the USSR.

Yours faithfully,
†JOHN WARRINGTON.
†COLIN BASINGSTOKE,
*KENNETH HULME.
*RONALD BIRKENHEAD,
GORDON STOCKPORT.
PHILIP TONBRIDGE.
†A. L. E. HOSKYNS-ABRAHALL.

The case for sixth form colleges

From Mr David Terry

Sir, Your leader "The Case for Sixth Form Colleges" (April 29) over-emphasizes the advantages and underestimates the disadvantages of sixth form colleges. Until recently I was the head of an 11-16 comprehensive. My present school is of much the same size but has a sixth form. The contrast is striking. In my previous school, appointing and keeping staff of calibre was an ever-present problem: and I was told frequently by the teachers themselves that the cause was not the area—inner city—but the lack of a sixth form. Most of those with high academic and teaching ability would prefer to do both sixth form and main school teaching, but if they are forced to choose, many will reluctantly go where there is A level work.

Last year I spent a day at a sixth form college in the Midlands. The quality of the teaching staff was immediately impressive. But the curriculum revealed one of the effects of such a concentration of teaching ability: crash courses in subjects such as French which some of the feeder schools could no longer offer because of the loss of specialist staff. Far from widening the choice in the curriculum, some subjects, Latin for example, may actually disappear altogether.

You seem to forget that a sixth form education is more than just A levels. It may be the case that some young people shy away from the demands made on them by school; demands that they accept a responsibility to the school and the community. Do we really want our ablest young people to avoid this experience?

Fortunately, it is possible to have much smaller sixth forms, and hence smaller schools, than used to be thought necessary. Heads can work together so that every sixth form offers a basic core of A level subjects while the less popular subjects can be concentrated in single schools. Sixth formers would then either transfer to the school offering the range of subjects required or travel to an adjacent school two or three times a week for particular subjects. The schools in this area are already embarking on such a scheme and we are confident that we can preserve the advantages of reasonable size and some sixth form teaching in each school while at the same time maintaining a wide range of choice in the curriculum.

Cutting costs and integrating the direct grant schools into the state system may be laudable objectives, but let us not lose sight of educational considerations.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID TERRY, Headmaster,
The Headlands School,
Cricklade Road,
Swindon, Wiltshire.

From Mrs Daphne Ghose

Sir, Your proposal to extend the sixth form colleges is to be deplored. If the 16-19-year-olds are segregated into separate institutions they are deprived, at an idealistic stage of their lives, of the opportunity to serve that section of the community which most needs them—the younger children in their own schools. Any teacher will tell you that a school without a sixth form is simply not a school any more. It is unfair to expect the comprehensive schools to continue to mature and improve if they are to be deprived of a vital section of their intake. The colleges of further education were never meant to educate the 16-18-year-olds, who, in any case, can be a disruptive force there if they have left school merely to achieve freedom without responsibility.

At our local comprehensive school a fine new sixth form block has just been opened. It has a distinct atmosphere of its own, it is college-like in concept, but it is where it should be—right at the heart of the school. This, I feel, is the pattern we should be aiming at.

Yours sincerely,
DAPHNE F. GHOSE,
47 Ring Road,
North Lancing, Sussex.

Journalists closed shop

From Mr Mike Bower and others

Sir, May we reply to the letter from Michael Rothwell and others (May 1). We find the ignorance of so many members of our union about the procedures of the annual delegates meeting appalling. To describe what is common practice, and completely within the union rules, as "undemocratic" is straightforward illiteracy.

The provision for emergency resolutions is a long-established one, and in this case was used quite constitutionally. There were already four resolutions on the conference agenda dealing with the issue of press freedom. The emergency was created by the actions of the union's National Executive Council in publishing a draft "code" which was quite unacceptable to many of the union's members. Since this "code" was drawn up after the final agenda for the conference was published, those members had no alternative but to express their views through emergency resolutions. It must also be remembered that the basic themes of the seven-point composite motion that went before conference were all contained in motions on the final agenda—copies of which were made available to all members long before the ADM. Six amendments were proposed to the motions, and not one opposed or criticized the closed shop idea.

The seven-point motion was voted on seriatim, that is to say point by point, by decision of conference prior to the debate. The debate, incidentally, was one of the longest of the entire conference. At any stage in the voting, scrutineers could have been called for. They were not called earlier by the conference chairman, immediate past President Mr Ivan Peebles, because on the other six points of the motion the majority of the delegates were clearly in favour. To describe any part of what happened as "undemocratic" is clearly nonsense.

We would go further and suggest that your correspondents are confusing two issues—a confusion which no doubt stems from their total belief in everything the editors have been telling them over the past six months.

As we see it, the closed shop Bill is a matter of fundamental trade union rights which will in no way impinge on the freedom of the press. All the NUJ wants is the same rights of industrial freedom as every other trade union in Britain.

We see no reason why our union, in regaining the right to negotiate closed shops—and that is all we would regain if the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill becomes law, the right to negotiate —should be regarded as a threat to press freedom.

Despite the almost hysterical campaign conducted by the editors, there is no threat in the Bill as it stands. It merely gives workers the right to negotiate with their employers to establish a closed shop. Closed shops have existed in many newspaper houses for many years and we are not aware of any move by employers or by NUJ members to abolish them. Could it be that the issue is only now being raised because the NUJ has taken a militant stance over issues of pay and conditions in the recent past? Could it be that the editors and proprietors fear to give any industrial power to their journalists after years of underpaying and overworking them, and that their real concern is not for "press freedom" but for employers' freedom to continue this state of affairs?

Yours sincerely,
MIKE BOWER, NEC member.
Hallamshire and North Lincs.
B. R. BENNETT, Chairman.
Sheffield Branch NUJ,
A. J. DARLING, Secretary, Sheffield Branch NUJ,
CLIVE JONES,
STEPHEN CHILDS,
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Sheffield Branch delegates, ADM.
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Sheffield 11.

Danish viewpoint

From Mr Martin Wallace

Sir, I am sorry that the Danish Minister for Foreign Economic Affairs feels that listeners to the *Today* programme on April 21 will have received a strange idea of the Danish Government's view of British membership of the European Communities (Letters, May 2). In fact, this was not the issue under consideration in the programme, which set out to describe (among other things) what Denmark thinks about the Common Market.

To this end, we sought the views of the head of the Gallup Institute in Denmark, who described the present opinions of Danes and how they might vote in a new referendum if Britain withdrew. We also talked to a number of individuals, including a pig farmer who appreciated the benefits of EEC membership and an industrialist sceptical about the bureaucracy of Brussels.

Mr Norgaard appears not to have realized that other interviews would be included in the programme alongside his own. There was no intention to mislead him on this, and indeed the official who made the initial arrangements for the interview knew that a number of Danish items were being organized. It was made clear to the Minister that *Today* was principally interested in talking to him about the Danish system of parliamentary scrutiny of EEC business, and the ways in which it differed from the British system. While our interviewer took the opportunity to talk briefly about other matters, only this section of the interview was broadcast; however, I am sure that listeners would have understood from the interview that Mr Norgaard supported EEC membership.

As to Mr Bonde, he was clearly identified as coeditor of a weekly paper which prints only anti-Market news and views. The interview was designed, not as a discussion of the advantages or disadvantages of EEC membership, but as an illustration of the continuing strength of left-wing opposition to membership, which has an obvious parallel in the United Kingdom.

Finally, I believe that the overall picture of Denmark and Danish views on the EEC which emerged during the two hours of the *Today* programme was a fair and balanced one. That, certainly, was the intention of the programme makers.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN WALLACE, Head of Current Affairs Group, Radio.
British Broadcasting Corporation.
Broadcasting House, W1.
May 5.

Children's welfare

From Dr Anne Hayman

Sir, I refer to your leading article today (April 24) on "The Best Way to Safeguard Children", about the Justice report on parental rights and duties and custody suits. You state that the Children Bill and the report agree that existing law is too much concerned with parental rights and too little with the child's welfare. In the same tenor you note, correctly, that the Justice Report states that "the child's welfare must remain the first and paramount consideration".

It is most regrettable that your next quotation is lifted out of context, and conveys the impression that the authors of the book *Beyond the Best Interests of the Child* are against regarding the child-needs as paramount. That is totally wrong.

Recognizing the law's limited capacity for effectively managing personal relationships is one of the authors' guidelines for child-placement decisions. It is perfectly clear, both from the immediate context of the partial quotation you use and from later details in the book, that this recognition goes towards safeguarding children's developmental needs. *Beyond the Best Interests of the Child* unequivocally stands by the same view as the Justice report, in regarding child-needs as paramount.

Yours faithfully,
ANNE HAYMAN,
The Hampstead Child-Therapy Course and Clinic,
12, 14, 21 Maresfield Gardens, NW3.

Demonstration at Newmarket

From Mr C. L. Loyd

Sir, The writer of your leading article designated "Horseplay at Newmarket" (May 3) was misinformed. Things did not happen as he describes them.

The demonstrators in lining themselves across the course were trespassing and not picketing. The racegoers who intervened were not all from the more expensive enclosures. They were from all enclosures and were outraged seeing the violence perpetrated by the demonstrators on riders and horses alike. There were too few police present to clear the course because the TGWU had given assurances that the pickets would not intrude beyond the main entrances to the racecourse.

But even if the circumstances were as your writer represents with shooting sticks and all, were the persons he describes as disgruntled and affluent sportsmen so very reprehensible? They were not strike-breakers and the strike of Newmarket stablemen was not in their minds. They went to the aid of riders and horses when the police were apparently unable to cope.

Yours faithfully,
C. L. LOYD,
Lockinge,
Wantage, Oxfordshire.
May 4.

From Mr David Sharratt

Sir, Admirable as the logic of your Saturday third leader was, its writer seemed to forget one thing: many people are fed up with the inconveniences constantly imposed upon them by so-called "militant action" groups; even a worm will turn.

Racegoers had gone to Newmarket to enjoy the racing; they took things into their own hands so to do. This precipitate action had at least the virtue of honesty—which most of the specious statements "regretting inconvenience to the public" seem to lack.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SHARRATT,
Dean Incent's,
High Street,
Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Roman Catholic liturgy

From Mrs Christina Scott

Sir, Neither Fr Corbishley (April 30) nor Dr Mary Berry (April 23) seem to have stated the whole case when they give their reasons for Catholics leaving the Church in such large numbers. Scepticism and materialism have been with us for most of this century, and if it is the young we are talking about, while they may be sceptics to a certain extent they are certainly not materialists: it is the older generation who could more rightly be described as such. Nor do aesthetic reasons fully explain the present discontent among Catholics.

At its best, Catholic worship was a glorious thing but at its worst it could reach to the lowest levels of tawdriness in its standards of art and music; but there was always something more. As Fr George Tyrrell wrote, at the time of his conversion nearly a century ago, of a Mass he attended in the crypt of St Ethelreda's, Ely Place: "In darkness and amid the smell of a dirty Irish crowd . . . here was continuity, that took one back to the catacombs: here was no need of, and therefore no suspicion of, pose or theatrical parade; its aesthetic blemishes were its very beauties for me in that mood."

Surely, it would be truer to say that it is not Catholics who are leaving the Church, but that it is the Church, as at present organized, which is leaving them? It is, as another correspondent rightly points out, the complete volte face of the Catholic Church which is the root cause of this massive defection and furthermore the realization that the abandonment of the Catholic spiritual tradition, its prayers and hymns and above all the old Latin Mass, is nothing less than an attempt to destroy the old religion which they knew and loved, and replace it with something new.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTINA SCOTT,
1 Camden Park,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
May 3.

From Prince Rupert Loewenstein

Sir, In his letter of April 30 defending the new Roman Catholic liturgy Father Corbishley points out that Calvary was not pretty. Of course not: the highest tragedy cannot be, but nor was it banal. The new liturgy attempts to approach one mystery by the elimination of another: the element of the numinous, the beautiful, the traditional. These qualities facilitate the solemn worship of God, to his greater glory, and often nourish the roots of faith.

Apologetics are frequently aimed at the weaker brethren to find and strengthen their faith hidden in other places (like a search for morality through the attempt properly to order human society); many moved consciously by aestheticism would find their faith through it.

Finally, the Tridentine rite proclaimed for all time by St Pius V, as a true form of worship and the authorized and sublime patrimony that we have of religious music has in fact led many to Mass who would not have attended it, and as a converse, their loss has lost many of them.

Yours faithfully,
RUPERT LOEWENSTEIN
11 Holland Villas Road, W14.
May 1.

On the menu

From Mr Michael Goldman

Sir, On the menu in the airport restaurant at Titograd in Yugoslavia in 1961 was the item "hemendex". Eager to try this authentic sample of Montenegrin cuisine, I was disappointed when my companion pointed out its Anglo-Saxon origin. (Try saying it aloud with the accent on the first or last syllable.)

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL GOLDMAN,
155 Silverdale,
Sydenham, SE26.
May 4.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 5: By command of The Queen, the Lord Wells-Pestell (Lord in Waiting) was present at Gatwick Airport, London this morning upon the departure of The President of Sierra Leone and bade farewell to His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 5: The Duke of Gloucester this morning opened the first International Congress on Polymer Concretes at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, W2.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

Today is the fifteenth anniversary of the marriage of Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, and the Earl of Snowdon.

A memorial service for Lord Reid, QC, will be held in the Temple Church, on Tuesday, May 20, 1975, at 4.45 pm.

Luncheon

British Property Federation

Mr Victor Lucas, President of the British Property Federation, presided at the annual luncheon held yesterday at the Dorchester hotel. The Hon John Silkin, Minister for Planning and Local Government, was the principal guest. Other guests included:

The Lord Mayor of Westminster, the Vice-Chairman of the Greater London Council, the President of the Confederation of British Industry, the Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, Mr Timothy Raison, MP, the President of the Law Society, the President of the Royal Town Planning Institute, Sir Dennis Pitcher, the Chairman of the Building Societies Association, the Vice-President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the President of the House-Builders' Federation, the Chairman of the Multiple Shops Federation, the President of the Rating and Valuation Association, the Prime Warden of the Basketmakers' Company, Mr George Dobry, QC, the Chief Executive of the Stock Exchange and Sir Eugene Melville, director-general of the Federation with officials of the Department of the Environment and other organizations, including:

The British Insurance Association, the Country Landowners' Association, European Architectural Heritage Year, the National Farmers' Union, the Royal Fine Art Commission and the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Receptions

HM Government

Mr Gregor MacKenzie, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Industry, was host at a reception at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, last night in honour of delegates to the International Conference of Small Businesses.

Lord Ballantrae

Brigadier Lord Ballantrae, Colonel of The Black Watch, was host at a small reception at New Zealand House last night in honour of Colonel J. E. Bourne, Colonel of The Black Watch of Canada, and Mrs Bourne. Among those present were the High Commissioner for New Zealand and Mrs Watt.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr W. B. Stephenson and Miss W. E. Harker

The engagement is announced between Benedict, youngest son of Mr A. W. Stephenson, of Saxby's Mead, Cowden, Kent, and Mrs M. G. Congreve, of Marbella, Spain, and Wendy, daughter of the late Kenneth Harker, CBE, and of Lady Lang and stepdaughter of Lieutenant-General Sir Derek Lang, KCB, DSO, MC, of 4 Belford Place, Edinburgh.

Mr J. A. G. Alexander and Miss J. A. Jacobus

The engagement is announced between John Alfred George Alexander, of 4 Blenheim Court, Finchley Lane, London, NW4, son of Paul A. Alexander and the late Lila Alexander, of 24 Arden Road, London, N3, and Jacqueline Ann Jacobus, only daughter of the late John J. Jacobus and Ursula Jacobus, of 107 Regency Lodge, Avenue Road, London, NW3.

Mr A. K. Allen and Mrs B. Murtough

The engagement is announced and the marriage will shortly take place quietly at Epsom Roman Catholic Church between Anthony Kenway Allen, OBE, of Epsom Downs, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs C. V. Allen, and Maureen Murtough, widow of Brian Murtough, of Weybridge.

Mr G. M. Bass and Miss C. J. Orbell

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey Mark, son of Mr and Mrs R. C. M. Bass, of Winchester, Hampshire and Catherine Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. D. Orbell, of St Brelade, Jersey.

Mr A. Blair and Miss C. M. Gaines

The engagement is announced between Arthur, elder son of Major and Mrs David Blair, of Wellisford House, Finchampstead, Berkshire, and Caroline Menard Gaines, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs George C. Gaines, of Finchampstead House, Finchampstead, Berkshire.

Mr H. J. Covington and Miss G. D. M. Macrae

The engagement is announced between Howard, son of Mr and Mrs J. D. Covington, of Eastbourne, Sussex, and Gillian, daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Macrae, of Wimbledon.

Mr P. E. Faber and Miss A. C. Turner

The engagement is announced between Peter Edward younger son of Mr and Mrs Edward Faber, of Harrogate, Yorkshire, and Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Turner, of Leeds, Yorkshire.

Marriages

M P. de La Pommeray and Miss J. A. Thorp

The marriage took place quietly in Paris on May 5 between M Patrick de La Pommeray, son of Dr and Mme Henry de La Pommeray, and Miss Julia Anne Thorp, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Thorp.

Mr M. W. Parker and Miss J. Lubbock

The marriage took place on May 3 in Norwich between Mr Michael Wynne Parker and Miss Jennifer Lubbock.



Sir Billy Butlin speaking to Earl Mountbatten of Burma at a luncheon held in London yesterday to pay tribute to Sir Billy's charity work.

Persian manuscript of 1599 sets an auction record at £106,838

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A Persian manuscript of 1599 topped all previous auction records at Parke Bernet in New York at the end of last week when it sold for $250,000 (£106,838). It is Firdausi's *Shah Nameh* or *Book of Kings*, written in Herat and decorated with 44 full-page miniatures in addition to rich illuminations. The auctioneers had not published a pre-sale estimate; they had started by suggesting a price around $30,000 to $50,000 but as the sale approached and interest quickened they were talking of $100,000 to $200,000.

The manuscript came for sale from Mrs Eleanor Searle Whitney McCollum. She was selling her New York home and consigned the last of her possessions to Parke Bernet for sale; most found their way to the firm's junk sale room, PB 84, but among them was that incomparable treasure. The manuscript was purchased by a New York dealer.

Another notable feature of the Friday night sale of antiquities and Islamic works of art was the Ray Winfield Smith collection of ancient glass. Parke Bernet described it as the most important collection to appear at auction for a decade and it had been exhibited at the Corning Museum of Glass and other leading museums.

The impact of Middle East bidding sent prices soaring, leaving experts in some doubt as to what anything is now worth. An Islamic blue-green glass ewer of around the eighth to tenth century AD made $19,000 (£8,120); it had been estimated at $1,000 to $1,500 and the price is an auction record for any ancient glass.

In London yesterday at Sotheby's sale of glass paperweights prices generally reached estimates, all the rarer weights finding buyers. The top price was £2,150 (estimate £1,500 to £2,000) for a fine Clichy flat bouquet weight. Another Clichy flat bouquet weight, with a basketwork ground, made £1,600 (estimate £1,500 to £2,500) and a very rare Baccarat animal paperweight made £1,500 (estimate £1,500 to £2,000).

Christie's were selling Chinese jade and snuff bottles and bidding was selective, the best items coming well up to expectations, but there was less enthusiasm for run-of-the-mill snuff bottles.

£4,800 painting: An eighteenth century painting of figures at a well, catalogued as Italian school, sold at Phillips for £4,800 to Ameli. The estimate was £600 to £800. There was reason to believe that the painting was the work of Domenico Tiepolo, son of the more famous father. The sale totalled £15,066.

An art show in search of petrodollars

By Our Sale Room Correspondent

The latest move in the London art trade's flirtation with the petrodollars of Iran is a prestige exhibition of paintings, organized by a group of dealers, in Teheran on May 12-18 with a sumptuous catalogue prepared by Sotheby's.

No fewer than 423 items are listed in the catalogue and there is an addendum which brings the score to 483. The authenticity of every painting in the exhibition is guaranteed by Sotheby's.

The prime mover behind the exhibition is the Alexander Gallery which opened in Sloane Street in January. It is run by Mr A. Parviz, an Iranian himself, and backed financially by a group of Iranian investors. In addition to the Alexander Gallery, B. Cohen & Sons, M. Newman & Sons, the Trafalgar Galleries and Williams & Son, all well known and longer established London dealers, have contributed pictures.

The paintings stretch over a wide spectrum of schools. The Dutch and Flemish seventeenth to nineteenth centuries, decorative pictures par excellence, make up the bulk of the exhibition; but there is a substantial section of English Victorian paintings, including both genre and landscape; and the Italian paintings include a fifteenth century altarpiece by Niccolo di Pietro Gerini.

An indication of the orientation of the sale is given by the introductory blurb: "As a direct consequence of the dedicated attention of Her Imperial Majesty the Shahbanou to all matters concerning the Arts, Teheran will undoubtedly join London, Paris and New York as a world centre of the international art market."

Hongkong is ecstatic over the Queen

From Our Correspondent
Hongkong, May 5

The Queen today won the heart of Hongkong. Even sceptical foreigners were moved by the spontaneous, thunderous Chinese welcome which she received, driving and waving in the colony's only open Rolls-Royce through workers' settlement and public playground areas.

It was a hot day and the Queen changed from pink in the morning to yellow in the afternoon after lunch in the city hall. But her receptions at a public swimming-pool, at one of Hongkong's biggest workers' estates and at the colony's Progress Hongkong exhibition were all movingly human. Children were cheering, mothers and fathers held their babies aloft to receive her smiling greeting, and teenagers ran inside the car barriers to wave to her.

After the Queen reluctantly left the paddling pool, where she teased and delighted Chinese tots, encouraging them to splash in and out of the ponds, the whole re-settlement area mobbed her departure, clamouring for longer interpreted exchanges, pleading for photographic closeups, hammering one another on the back, shouting and singing.

The Queen's programme was disorganized on each visit today by the delays imposed by her tumultuous welcome. She remained serene and delighted, halting to wave and talk to the shouting, clapping Chinese crowds.

Some foreign correspondents who have been to china ironically contrasted the Communist Party's organized welcome by drilled children in China for approved VIPs and today's spontaneous children's reception.

Today's engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits Enfield, pays an informal visit to Trent Park College of Education, 11.45, and opens the Enfield Civic Centre, 3.

Princess Margaret attends the annual dinner of the Newspaper Society at the Dorchester hotel, 7.25.

The Duke of Gloucester attends the banquet of the International Conference of Smaller Businesses at the Grosvenor House Hotel, 7.25.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester attends the Electrical Association for Women's golden jubilee reception at Guildhall, 6.30.

Lunch-hour dialogue between Lord Longford and Peter Thompson, St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 1.05.

OBITUARY

MISS VERA VOLKOVA

A leading ballet teacher

Vera Volkova, one of the leading ballet teachers of the past three decades, died yesterday.

Born at St Petersburg in 1904, Volkova began her dance studies at the Imperial Ballet School there under Maria Romanova (the mother of Galina Ulanova) and Nicholas Legat. Later, at the private school founded in 1920 by Akim Volinsky, she studied with Agrippina Vaganova, who was then developing the theories upon which the Leningrad and Moscow schools are based today.

Volkova joined the company at the former Maryinsky (now Kirov) Theatre where her partners included Alexander Pushkin, who later became the greatest male ballet teacher of his day. Volkova danced there until 1929 when she went with a group of colleagues on a tour of Japan and China.

She and George Goncharov left the party when it returned home; they settled in Shanghai where Goncharov founded both a company and a school in which Volkova worked. Margot Fonteyn, as a child, was one of the school's pupils, and Volkova advised her mother, at what ever cost, to take her little girl back to London to pursue her career.

Volkova herself, having married the English painter Hugh Williams, moved with him first to Hongkong, then in 1936 to London. She opened her own school in 1943 and rapidly made a high reputation. Partly that was because she introduced many of Vaganova's logical and carefully developed reforms of the old classical methods, but Volkova's success also derived from her own inspiring gifts as a teacher.

She had the ability to express herself in metaphors which immediately made the dancer visualize the kind of movement wanted. To cite only one instance, she instructed a ballerina to imagine she had tiny lungs growing on her wrists, thus evoking the gently breathing arm movements she intended. Her commands were couched in a vivid flow of language although she never lost a heavy accent.

Volkova was also for a time attached to the Sadler's Wells Ballet as an instructor and most leading English dancers, from Fonteyn down, attended her classes. She thus played a vital part in the rise in standards that was vital to the success of the Sadler's Wells Ballet's move to Covent Garden after the war. As well as teaching, Volkova was a gifted and enthusiastic coach, especially for the great classical ballerina roles.

In 1950 she went to take charge of the ballet at La Scala, Milan, but soon afterwards moved to Copenhagen where she was given the responsible task of widening the scope of the Royal Danish Ballet to encompass the Russian classics and a range of modern works without weakening their indigenous romantic tradition. For this work she was awarded in 1956 the Order of the Dannebrog.

Copenhagen remained her home ever after, but her fame spread wide. Rudolf Nureyev was only one of many illustrious dancers or ambitious aspirants who made the journey to Denmark especially to work with her. She was also in demand throughout the world as a guest teacher.

Small, chic and elegant, assiduous in attending performances, fanatically enthusiastic about her work, but also a devoted wife, Volkova inspired great affection in her pupils and friends. In spite of a serious illness and operation, she remained active until the end.

JULIO ALVAREZ DEL VAYO

Julio Alvarez del Vayo, former Foreign Minister of the Spanish Republican Government has died in Geneva at the age of 84.

He was the most significant surviving Republican and a persistent critic of the Franco regime.

His education had included study with the Fabians, Sydney and Beatrice Webb, at the London School of Economics before the First World War and in his travels he met Lenin in Switzerland. He visited Russia in the 1920s and was favourably impressed with the country.

As a politician in Spain he was associated with the most radical Socialists. A fluent Russian speaker, he had been Spanish Ambassador to Moscow from 1933 to 1935. Elected as a Socialist Member of Parliament for Madrid in 1936 he became the Republic's Foreign Minister.

During the Civil War he was Head of the War Commissariat and subsequently Foreign Minister again under Negrin until March 1939. Like Negrin he called for the continuation of the Civil War.

After Franco's victory he lived in the United States but continually strove to overcome the defeatism of exiled republicans and was an active supporter of guerrilla tactics.

Until his death he continued to be in favour of violent opposition to the Franco regime, not merely as a theorist but as someone who kept closely in touch with the realities of the underground opposition.

Among several publications were his celebrated autobiography, *The Last Optimist*, and works on socialism.

DAME MARJORIE MAXSE



Dame Marjorie Maxse, DBE, who gave many years of devoted service to the Conservative Party, died on Saturday.

Born in 1891 Marjorie Maxse came of a family distinguished in many fields of public service. She was the only daughter of Ernest George Maxse, CMG, of HM Consular Service, and a cousin of Mr Leo Maxse, for many years editor of the *National Review*, and General Sir Ivor Maxse, a distinguished commander in the First World War.

For the first 25 years of her life she spent much of her time abroad in countries where her father was stationed. She thus acquired very early personal knowledge of foreign countries, and a wide understanding of the problems, and a sympathy with the aspirations of many peoples, which was of great value to her in later life.

In the First World War she served for a time in a French military hospital as an auxiliary nurse.

In 1921 she was chosen as one of the first women Area Agents to be appointed by the Conservative Central Office, and in 1923 she was promoted to be Administrator at Party Headquarters.

In 1931 she was appointed Chief Organization Officer at the Central Office, in charge of the organization side of the Conservative Party machine. This post she held until the outbreak of War, and thus played a unique part in the building up of the organization of Conservative women voters.

Starting in the early days of women's franchise, she became one of the principal architects of their Party organization. The problems which confronted those responsible for bringing this great mass of new voters into an existing Party machine were very complex. Difficulties were great, and much inertia and prejudice had to be overcome before efficient and harmonious working could be assured.

In all this work she was an outstanding figure. She combined great powers of leadership with a clear vision of the essential aims which should be attained, and allowed no cross-currents or crises to deflect her judgment.

Possessed of complete integrity and great courage, she had a single-minded and wholehearted desire to serve her country in the career she had chosen. Much of her success, however, was due to her rare gift of sympathizing with the point of view of others, even if not agreeing with it, and the patience she displayed in hearing their difficulties.

She was an admirable colleague, and those working with her trusted and admired her, both men and women alike. Her great reserve of self-control and serenity of temper helped her to rise above all pettiness and fussiness, for she was never known to be flustered or put out in her dealings with persons and problems. Such assets were invaluable in the hurly-burly of political life.

During the 1939-45 War she served as chairman of the Children's Overseas Reception Board, and later she was appointed vice-chairman of the Women's Voluntary Services.

After the war ended she returned to the Conservative Central Office and took a leading part in the rebuilding of the party organization, which had lapsed during hostilities.

She was appointed woman vice-chairman of the Party, a post which she held until her retirement in 1951. Subsequently she was active in work for the United Nations Association and helping in various ways the Diocese of Chichester.

She was made MBE in 1918, CBE in 1941 and in 1952 was promoted DBE.

M. SAMUEL GONARD

M Samuel Gonard, Swiss jurist, soldier and former President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, has died, aged 78.

A senior staff officer in the Swiss Army with the rank of Corps Commander, Gonard was one of the main planners of Switzerland's defence strategy during the Second World War.

He joined the Red Cross on retiring from the army in 1961, and three years later was appointed President of the all-Swiss Neutral Committee which acts as an intermediary in time of war.

He held this post until 1969, and went on official missions to the Middle East, the Far East, the Soviet Union and Japan.

Moe Howard, the last member of the Three Stooges comedy team, seen in many films over the years, died on Sunday at the age of 78. Moe Howard was the mop-haired one in the slapstick trio, whose bullying bluster generally received its just deserts in the end from his partners films shown widely on television.

Major John Robert O'Brien Warde, TD, JP, DL, has died aged 77. He was a Deputy Lieutenant and Justice of the Peace for Kent.

Muriel Lady Forteviot, widow of the second Baron Forteviot, has died. She married her husband in 1946 as his second wife. He died in 1947.

Memorial service

Mr J. Carter

A service in memory of Mr John Carter was held yesterday in the chapel of Eton College. The Rev Roger Royle officiated. Lord Radcliffe-Maud gave an address and the lessons were read by Mr John Sparrow, Warden of All Souls, and Lord Caccia, Provost of Eton. Among those present were:

Mrs Carter (widow), Mr Will Carter (brother), Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Carter, Simon Carter, Mr Humphrey Slone, Mr Reynolds Stone, Mr and Mrs Charles King, Mr Patrick Murray, Sir Peter and Lady Garran, Sir Edward and Lady Playfair, Sir Robert Birley, Sir Geoffrey and the Hon Lady Agnew, Sir Patrick and Lady Dean, Sir Denis and Lady Rickett, Sir Berkeley Gage, Sir Michael Cary, Sir Philip Ray, Sir Malcolm and Lady Mackenzie, Sir Dennis and Lady Proctor, Sir John and Lady Pilcher, Sir James Richardson, Sir Frank and Lady Francis, Sir Edward Tomkins, Mr C. D. Hamilton (chairman) and editor-in-chief, Times Newspapers), Mr and Mrs William Rees-Mogg, Mr Leonard Miall, Mr Simon Noel-Smith (President, Oxford Bibliographical Society), Mr Graham Pollard, Mr Adrian Seeker (Financial Times) and Mrs Seeker, Mrs Martin Secker, Mr T. J. W. Secker, Mr T. H. Clarke (representing Sotheby's), Mr and Mrs Douglas Cleverdon, Mr John Cavenagh, Mr and Mrs Edward Rayne, Mr and Mrs R. W. Hodgson, Mr and Mrs Jeremy Hobhouse, Mrs Rita Cleugh, Mr Martin Harvey (representing the Garrick Club), Mr Edmond Dring, Mr Max Reinhardt, Mr and Mrs Alan Moorhead, Mr Nicolas Barker (representing the Book Collector) and Mrs Barker, Mr John Duncan Miller, Mr Arthur Crook, Mrs S. J. R. Coleridge (representing the Vice-Provost of Eton College), Mr Richard Parsons (representing the Diplomatic Corps), Captain J. S. Carter (representing The Royal Green Jackets), Mrs Asa Briggs, Mr Noel Blakiston (representing Roosters Club), and Mrs Blakiston, Mr and the Hon Mrs Hugh Dundas, Mr Peter Coats, Colonel Gordon Maxwell, Mr Hamish Hamilton, Mr and Mrs Maxwell Stamp, Mr and Mrs Nigel Gosling, Mr and Mrs John Murray, Mr Marcus Linell, Mr and Mrs Morley Kemeridge, Geoffrey Hughes Hartman, Mr Daniel McKitterick, Mr A. J. B. Kiddell, Dr Geoffrey Hale, Mrs Thompson Hancock, the Rev P. Pilkington, Mrs Hugh Clutterbuck, Mr Percival Pollen, Mr and Mrs Jasper Clutterbuck, Mr John Dreyfus, Mr Hans Schneider, Mr Hugh Mall, Mr Antony Robson, Mr and Mrs John Bicester, Mrs Constance Levy, Mr John Pudney, Miss Catherine MacLean, Mr Peter Wilson, Mr Ben Weinreb, Mr Anthony Rota, Mrs Nora Smallwood, Dr Desmond Flower and Mr Nicholas Bentley.

University news

Cambridge

SELWYN COLLEGE: W. W. Park BA(Yale), JD(Columbia law school) has been elected to a Keasby fellowship in American history, institutions and literature from October 1.

Glasgow

The following senior lecturers to be readers:

Dr J. L. Caird, department of geriatric medicine; Dr R. B. Dowson, department of mathematics; Dr R. M. N. MacSween, department of pathology (Western Infirmary); Mr Andrew S. Skinner, department of political economy.

Birmingham

Latest appointments include:

LECTURERS: G. Brisson, BCom, school of commerce and social studies; N. D. Goldman, MB, ChB, department of anatomy; S. Gudmundsson, BA (Hull) (Lond), Indian relations, department of theology; B. G. Harris, MSc, BSc (Lond), department of psychiatry; A. Howell, MB, BS, MSc (Lond), department of medicine; P. E. T. Lewis, MSocSc, BSc, school of econometrics and social studies; C. F. Palmer, MSc, BSc (Aston), Institute of Local Government Studies.

T. M. Hull, MB, BS (Lond), clinical tutor in general practice, department of medicine; G. Price, MDS, senior lecturer in the department of oral surgery and oral medicine.

Nottingham

Promotions to chairs:

I. P. Cole, MA, PhD, reader in geography, to be professor of regional geography; S. Clough, BSc, PhD, reader to be professor of physics; L. T. Newson, BSc, PhD, reader, to be professor of child development.

Readerships

W. Lucas, BA, PhD, senior lecturer, to be reader in English; N. Horton Smith, MA, senior lecturer, to be reader in German literature; G. Pattenden, BSc, PhD, lecturer, to be reader in organic chemistry; P. Stanley, MA, PhD, senior lecturer, to be reader in mechanical engineering; D. M. Allen, BSc, PhD, senior lecturer, to be reader in chemical engineering; G. Coleman, BSc, PhD, senior lecturer, to be reader in biochemistry; J. R. Hamilton, MA, DPhil, senior lecturer, to be reader in medicine.

Church news

Appointments

Sir John Sinclair-Wemyss Arbuthnot and Mr T. A. Roberts have been re-appointed as Church Commissioners.

Canon G. Hewitt, residentiary canon of Chelmsford Cathedral, to be chairman of the diocesan liturgical committee.

Miss Anne Waghorn, parish worker at Christ Church, Orpington, diocese of Rochester, to be Church Pastoral Aid Society Women's Action Secretary in the north-east.

The Rev C. H. E. Byworth, Oak Hill Theological College, London, to be Rector and team leader of Thetford, diocese of Norwich.

The Rev M. G. Birchby, priest-in-charge of Bredenbury with Grendon Bishop and Wacton, also Edvin Ralph with Collington and Thornbury, diocese of Hereford, to be priest-in-charge of Pembridge with Moorcourt, same diocese.

The Rev W. M. Dobney, an assistant vicar in the Sidmouth group, diocese of Ely, to be Rector of Brampton, and also officiating chaplain to the RAF, Brampton, same diocese.

The Rev M. J. Down, Rector of Fiskerton, diocese of Lincoln, to be Rector of Corby Glen with Irnham, same diocese.

The Rev R. T. Greenacre, chaplain of St George's, Paris, and Rural Dean of France, to be chancellor and canon residentiary of Chichester Cathedral.

The Rev C. Harvey, assistant curate of Great Baddow, diocese of Chelmsford, to be Vicar of Colchester Borough church, same diocese.

The Rev R. J. Howard, Vicar of St Paul's, Morley, diocese of Wakefield, to be Vicar of St Michael's, Wakefield, same diocese.

The Rev C. R. Levey, Rochester Diocesan Youth Chaplain and honorary curate of Riverhead, diocese of Rochester, to be Vicar of the Holy Redeemer, Lamorbey, same diocese.

The Rev J. D. Moore, Vicar of Longford, Coventry, diocese of Coventry, to be priest-in-charge of St Mary's, Nuneaton, same diocese.

The Rev H. Williams, Rector of St Peter's, Darwen, diocese of Blackburn, to be also Rural Dean of Darwen.

Diocese of Durham

The Rev C. F. Eastwood, assistant curate of St Cuthbert's, Darlington, to be Vicar of St Thomas's, Eighton Banks.

The Rev A. W. Hodgson, Vicar of St Oswald's, Hartlepool, to be priest-in-charge of the conventional district of St James's, Stockton.

Diocese of Gloucester

The Rev I. R. Harwood, home education secretary with the Church Missionary Society, to be Vicar of Christ Church, Cheltenham.

Canon D. J. Matthews, Vicar of St Aldate's, Gloucester, to be Rector of Rimpsfield.

Latest wills

Residue left to charities

Mrs Nellie May Jeffries, of Solihull, Birmingham, left £90,511 net (duty paid, £1,359). After personal and other bequests, she left the residue equally to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals, and the Head Injuries Rehabilitation Trust, Birmingham Accident Hospital.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid):

Harris, Mr Leslie Joshua Forrest, of Romney Marsh, Kent (duty paid, £68,010) £209,228
Mycock, Helena Chadwick, of Kings Norton, Birmingham (duty paid, £27,981) £98,754
Robson, Mr Alfred Hugh, of Westminster, London (duty paid, £24,055) £615,034
Swift, Mr Ernest, of Salcombe, Devon (duty paid, £6,340) £97,105

25 years ago

From The Times of Friday, May 5, 1950

4,000th winner

Abernant, the champion sprinter, gave Gordon Richards, the champion jockey, his 4,000th winner at Sandown Park yesterday, when he easily beat his two opponents in the Lubbock Sprint Stakes, the last race of the day. Richards was given a great reception from the moment Abernant drew away from Robert Sarker in the last two furlongs.

There were cheers and cries of "Well done, Gordon" as Abernant passed the post.

Hundreds of racegoers, who usually rush for the exits after the last race, stayed behind to greet Richards on his return to the unsaddling enclosure and hats and racecards were waved. Richards returned with his usual serious expression, but he was moved by the ovation and he smiled and touched his cap in acknowledgement.

Bravery award for sea rescuer

Leading Aircrewman Peter Gibbs, aged 22, has been awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal for helping to rescue crew members of the British coaster Lovat, which sank in heavy seas off Cornwall on January 22.

He was the diver on a Whirlwind helicopter from the Royal Naval air station, Culdrose, Cornwall, and during the rescue 20 miles south-west of the Lizard, he had to cut the hoist. He fell into the sea and stayed with two survivors on a liferaft until rescued by a relief helicopter.

Armourers and Brasiers' Company

At a meeting of the court of the Armourers and Brasiers' Company Mr R. B. Tippetts was elected Master. Mr A. F. R. Harfield, Upper Warden and Colonel G. C. Chatfield-Roberts, Renter Warden.

Birthdays today

Lord Ballantrae, 64; Sir David Campbell, 85; Dame Margaret Cole, 82; Sir Leonard Cooke, 74; Air Chief Marshal Sir Walter Dawson, 73; Mr R. Fell, 54; Sir Ronald Harris, 62; Mr K. G. Holden, 65; Mr Alan Ross, 53.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Major-General D. E. Isles to be Director General of Weapons in succession to Major-General G. Burch.

Archaeology report

Conservation: Impact of new techniques

Much of the work being done in the Ancient Monuments Laboratory of the Department of the Environment, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary, is revealing striking and significant evidence that is changing earlier theories about archaeological finds.

New technology and instruments have disclosed, for instance, much more detail about the concentration of metals in Roman jewelry. An example is the Roman fort at Richborough, near Sandwich, Kent. Many of the objects discovered on the site when it was excavated in the 1920s and 1930s were inaccurately described because conservation facilities barely existed.

When submitted to modern techniques in the laboratory a ring described as being of plain bronze was found to be of silver. Similarly, a brooch that was recorded as being of plain bronze with traces of tinning turned out to be of solid silver and of type rare in Britain.

Those are two of the more spectacular examples. Staff at the laboratory, through their painstaking research, have found many other minor examples. The results have encouraged them to start a big project in which about 60 per cent of the small finds from Richborough, which was an important early Roman fortress and one of the main entrance ports to Britain, will be examined and redescribed in the light of advances in conservation techniques.

In addition to metallic materials, the microscopic and X-ray equipment in the laboratory is used for the examination of organic material, such as textiles, leather, and stone. The textiles being examined include material from the Bayeard Castle site in London. Among them are leather, seals, a garter and a hairnet that belonged to members of the court at the castle.

Techniques have also been developed for lifting large objects on archaeological sites such as fired clay structures: a kiln in the 30-40 ton range which was recently lifted at Woolwich is a significant and proud achievement.

New instruments, which are constantly being developed, are leading to advances in other sectors, such as geophysics and environmental studies, which are providing new insights into man's past activity.

By Cyril Bainbridge

Mothers' Union criticizes TV view of women

By Our Arts Reporter

The image of the television mother, projected in advertisements as well groomed in her expensive kitchen, and the portrayal of women generally as home-makers or glamour girls with empty heads, are criticized by viewing groups organized by Mothers' Union branches.

But the groups feel they are a small price to pay for the wide range of alternative programmes provided by independent television, according to the organization's evidence to the Annan committee on the future of broadcasting.

The women set up a Central Television and Cinema Group in 1957, which organized viewing groups all over the country.

The aim was to alert MU members and young wives to the importance of the effects of broadcasting on society and family life, with particular emphasis on the effects of unrestricted viewing on the young.

In that connexion, members felt there was too much violence in drama series and plays shown before 9 pm, too much violence on news programmes, which had more effect than fictional violence, and too much drinking in drama programmes, as well as too many advertisements for beer, with young people shown in public houses, and the emphasis being put on the sporting and manly attributes of those drinking beer.

Surveys of children's viewing habits produced the "alarming" fact that many children spent 30 to 40 hours a week in front of the set; one headmaster said that he had found that pupils knew the times, dates, channels and characters of television programmes better than they knew their school timetables. Most viewed from teatime to bedtime.

Less than one per cent of children said they had to ask permission to turn on the set.

Appropriately enough for the Mothers' Union, the favourite programme was *Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em*, but news and current affairs programmes were the least popular among children.

Officers' Families Fund

The annual general meeting of the Officers' Families Fund was held on May 5, at the Fishmongers' Hall, London Bridge, London, EC4, by courtesy of the Prime Warden and Wardens of the Fishmongers' Company. The president, the Marquess of Lansdowne, presided. In the seventy-fifth year of its work the fund distributed £55,047; 460 widows were given help, 148 of whom were widows of the 1914-1918 War.

Donations are urgently needed to enable the fund to meet the calls upon it and should be sent to the Secretary, Officers' Families Fund, 28 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QE.

The Royal Forestry Society

At the annual general meeting of the Royal Forestry Society of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, held at Newton Rigg, Penrith, yesterday, Mr John Workman was reelected president and the Earl of Bathurst, vice-president. Mr E. H. M. Harris is to be director.

Structural engineer's gold medal

The Institution of Structural Engineers gold medal has been awarded to Dr Ing. Fritz Leonhardt, former Professor of Concrete Structures at Stuttgart University.

Science report

Climate: Ice cores and Vikings

The reason why Greenland and Iceland got their names, and the cause of the decline of Norse colonies in Greenland and the west, seem to be revealed by studies of ice from the Greenland ice sheet. The studies, by Professor W. Dansgaard and his colleagues at Copenhagen University, reveal in new detail the pattern of climatic change in the area from AD 554 to the present day.

Their technique depends upon measurement of the ratios of the isotopes oxygen-18 and oxygen-16 present in samples of ice drilled from below the present ice surface. The ratio reveals the average temperature when the ice at each layer was being deposited, and has previously been used as a guide to point in the broad picture of temperature variations over thousands of years. Now, however, the Danes have refined the technique to give a year-by-year account of the changing climate.

The refinement depends on two factors. First, a stable part of the ice sheet must be found, since cores drilled from a moving glacier will be affected by the movement of the ice and give a relatively inaccurate picture of temperature changes at one site. Second, the age of each ice sample must be calculated as accurately as possible. The best way to do that is to count down from the surface of an ice core the seasonal variations in isotope ratios, brought about by the temperature difference between summer and winter. That is accurate, like counting tree rings to find the age of a tree, but laborious.

So Professor Dansgaard's group has used that technique on restricted samples only, from which they deduce a formula that gives the age of an ice sample to an accuracy of 10 years just from its depth below the present day ice surface.

A new ice core, drilled in the summer of 1974 from the crest of an ice sheet 3,172 metres above sea level in central Greenland, provides the Danes with a record 404 metres long, corresponding to a span of 1,420 years. For the most recent two centuries or so, the ice record can be compared with meteorological records from Britain and Iceland; for most of its length, however, the core provides the most detailed insight into the temperature variations of the northern hemisphere yet available. But European records do tell us in more general terms of warm and cool periods during most of the period covered by the new study. Professor Dansgaard's group has compared the new measurements with those records.

One of the most interesting discoveries is that changes in temperature at Greenland seem to have been out of phase with the warmings, and coolings that took place in Europe from about AD 1450 to the nineteenth century occurred 300 years earlier in Greenland. That provides a clue to why the Viking colonies in Greenland and America died out nearly eight centuries ago.

Professor Dansgaard has some interesting ideas about the implications of his new discoveries for our understanding of the Vikings. He says that, in AD 865, the time Iceland was discovered and named, the country was experiencing a cold spell which lasted for several decades. That probably explains its name, and the warming which occurred for the next 200 years or so explains why the new settlers succeeded so well.

On the other hand, Greenland was discovered and named in 982, in the middle of the warming phase. Explorations of America also occurred during that climatic optimum, around AD 1100, the Little Ice Age set in the great voyaging days of the Vikings was over. If the two islands had been discovered at the same time, Professor Dansgaard says, then they would surely have been given the opposite names.

But the key question that is asked of climatologists is how climate is likely to vary in the immediate future. Professor Dansgaard agrees with the view that the pleasant conditions in the northern hemisphere during the first half of this century were exceptional. He believes that conditions more like those of the past few years are closer to the normal standards of the past thousand years. Even data from that length of time, however, are very little on which to judge what we might expect.

In 1977, the Danish team plans to obtain a still better ice core, going back for 100,000 years. When that has been studied in detail, perhaps predictions of future climate will become more reliable. In the meantime, even the best opinions of the most expert climatologists remain no more than inspired guesses.

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Vickers and GEC recalled that BAC was established in 1960 to improve the effectiveness of the industry. The success of the merger had been amply demonstrated, with a current order book of £800m, of which £600m was for export.

"No evidence has been offered or is available to show why and how the industry's operations will be improved by public ownership," their statement went on. "It has been suggested that further 'restructuring' of the industry is necessary and can only be achieved in this way. As to the necessity, the industry's performance demonstrates that this is just not true.

"As to restructuring, the industry has already shown its willingness and ability to change if and when necessary."

It was not true that there was any lack of accountability. The Government had developed very effective staffs and systems to monitor the work and charges of its contractors, which ensured full accountability.

"The proposal in the Bill to provide the new state-owned enterprise with powers to diversify over a wide area will undoubtedly bring uncertainty and confusion to equipment and component manufacturers and their workers.

"Stability and confidence in these businesses will be undermined with adverse effects on capital investment, employment and the career prospects of those involved. Indeed, the enactment of this Bill would have similar consequences across the whole private sector of manufacturing industry."

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More control for public expenditure urged

By Our Industrial Editor

Important changes to public sector purchasing policy, designed to promote better and more stable investment, were foreshadowed yesterday by Sir Ronald McIntosh, Director-General of the National Economic Development Council.

Sir Ronald said: "The Government has already accepted the case made out in the National Economics Development Council earlier this year for introducing greater stability into the forward investment programmes of the nationalized industries.

"I hope that new procedures to achieve this will be announced shortly. They could do much to ease the problems of the engineering industries, nearly a third of whose output is sold to the nationalized sector."

Sir Ronald said the system for controlling public expenditure was not working well, and in certain sectors was "almost wholly ineffective".

He stated: "There is, in my view, a real need to reexamine the whole system for planning and controlling public expenditure and for determining priorities within the programme—and to do this in a way which permits open and public discussion of the difficult issues involved."

Malcolm Broun writes: The Government and all those concerned in construction are urged today to get better value in public spending.

The call comes in a highly critical report*, prepared by the Economic Development Committees for Building and Civil Engineering, which says there must be a thorough overhaul of the procedures used to commission the £4,000m a year spent in Britain on public works.

The report condemns the use of construction as a short-term economic regulator and suggests that long-term building programmes should be set up in each main sector to allow contractors and their clients to work more efficiently.

It also says the concept of public accountability should be extended to embrace the overall value for money achieved by the community from public spending.

Copies of the report have been in the hands of the Minister for Housing and Construction for some months and are under study in a special sub-committee.

Commenting on the use of construction demand by successive governments, the report says: "We feel that the manipulation of public capital expenditure for the purpose of short-term economic management has serious drawbacks in so far as expenditure on construction is concerned.

"We believe that these should be recognized and that short-term policies should be framed, having full regard to the fact that the production cycles to which the industries operate are among the longest in the economy.

"Consequently the outcome of a policy decision to deflate or inflate public sector demand for construction can be delayed to such a point that it occurs when general economic conditions have altered and government policies have changed."

Stability must be a prime consideration in public procurement, the report says. Once programmes have been formulated the Government should hold to them.

"Stable long-term public procurement programmes would benefit all public clients . . . and the contracting industries and the design professions would benefit from a steady and forecastable workload in at least this major part of their market."

Government should also watch the supply of funds, especially those of the building societies, to the private sector so that "glut" and "famine" situations can be avoided.

The report finds "widespread and conspicuous failure" among public clients to give due regard to the importance of their role.

An appointed client representative should retain a strategic interest in the progress of a project through the design and construction phases. Exceptionally large or complex projects might, it is suggested, need the employment of a full-time person to undertake the client role.

*(The Public Client and the Construction Industries, HMSO £2).

Sterling drops to weakest level yet

By Melvyn Westlake

Sterling's slide continued unabated on the international exchanges yesterday in spite of Friday's apparent attempt by the monetary authorities to arrest the decline by forcing up City interest rates.

The pound touched its weakest level yet when its floating devaluation against 10 key currencies, compared with December, 1971, reached 23.3 per cent, compared with 23.1 per cent on Friday and 21.2 per cent a month ago.

The pound's fall was accompanied by the dollar, which also retreated in most of the major continental financial centres. In fact sterling actually showed a net rise of 0.4 per cent against the United States currency, to close at $2.3415.

It did not appear that the Bank of England had provided any significant support for the pound to prop it up.

The pound's floating devaluation has actually worsened by 0.5 percentage point since Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor, said on Thursday that he did not want to see any further deterioration in the rate.

In spite of this statement, it would still appear to be true that he is reluctant to sanction heavy spending from the official reserves to maintain a specific exchange rate level.

Overseas concern about Britain's high inflation rate remains the main factor behind the pound's weakness.

It is believed that it was to make sterling a more attractive investment to foreigners that England engineered the rise in the minimum lending rate from 9½ to 10 per cent last Friday.

The fall in the dollar yesterday was attributed to the more expansionary policy now charted for United States money supply and predictions of fresh falls in American interest rates.

Gloom cuts £1,283m off share values

By David Mott

Two gloomy economic surveys and the weak state of sterling spurred sellers into early action on the London stock market yesterday.

In the present volatile state of the market the selling, though not heavy, was enough to send the *FT* index plunging 15.2 points by 11 am, a position from which it never recovered even though bear closing saw a minimal improvement in mid-afternoon.

At the close the index was 15.7 off at 315.0, and according to the Data STREAM computer a total of £1,283m was wiped off equity values, which made for a depressing start to the new account. But dealers are tending to discount the fluctuations of the index because of the small amount of business being done.

Among the "blue chips", losses of 8p were common with Hawker Siddeley, worried by nationalization, particularly badly hit. The outstanding firm spot of the day was Sheffield Twist Drill, where an agreed bid from the Swedish SKF group boosted the shares by 24p to 74p, compared with an offer price of 77½p.

Sterling's position, alarm at the present rate of inflation and the feeling that interest rates may be on the way up all served to depress the fixed-interest market. There was a small recovery before the close which trimmed losses between ½ and ¾ in "shorts".

American Motors wins £23m Moroccan deal

Detroit, May 5.—American Motors said today that its AM General Corporation subsidiary has signed a $54.3m (about £23m) contract with the government of Morocco to deliver trucks and spare parts.

Coal Board has 20 pc option in 'big' new North Sea oil discovery

By Roger Vielvoye
Energy Correspondent

An exploration group in which the National Coal Board has the option to acquire a 20 per cent interest, has made a significant new oil find in the North Sea about 150 miles east of the Orkney Islands.

Results of drilling a single well on block 16/7 by the Pan Ocean group have disclosed some of the highest flow rates for oil yet encountered in the North Sea. The discovery has been named the Brae field.

In a statement the company said stabilised flow rates from seven different intervals totalled more than 22,000 barrels of oil a day with a gas-to-oil ratio of about 7,000 cubic feet of gas for every barrel of oil.

Taken by themselves, these figures are extremely encouraging but further drilling will be necessary to determine the extent of the field. The rig Odin Drill that made the discovery is now moving into Norwegian waters where it will drill on the Heimdall gasfield before returning to the Brae discovery later in the summer.

The 22,000 barrels of oil a day were tested through restricted chokes of between half to one inch. Pan Ocean said testing had confirmed good reservoir flow characteristics.

The well had encountered a gross pay interval of 500ft of continuous upper jurassic sandstone at a depth of 12,000ft. Oil gravity ranged from 35 degrees API to 46 degrees API, and the total depth drilled was 15,695ft.

Major shareholders in the group are Pan Ocean, Bow Valley with Siebens, Sunningdale and Saga all holding smaller interests. The NCB has the option to acquire 20 per cent of the group from the time when the commercial viability of the field is established.

To acquire this major share, the coal board will have to put up 20 per cent of past exploration costs and carry a proportional share of future development expenses.

It is thought that the NCB does not consider that the field has been sufficiently evaluated to make a decision on its commercial status. Negotiations to transfer the NCB's holding to the proposed British National Oil Corporation (BNOC) further complicate the issue.

Pan Ocean's discovery will renew interest in the sea area between the Maureen, Piper and Beryl fields. Oil companies have tended to downgrade the prospects since the Shell/Esso group found oil and gas in the adjoining block 16/8 but cast doubts over the commercial viability of the find.

The Shell/Esso group is close to completing the first stage of towing a 635ft high steel tower from its construction yard near Dunkirk to the northern North Sea where it will be installed as a safety gas vent on the Brent field.

The tower is expected to reach Leith today and will then go on to Lerwick in Shetland where work will be completed. It will be installed in 460ft of water and is the first offshore structure to have an articulated joint at its base that will enable it to tilt to a maximum of 23 degrees in any direction.

Turriff Taylor and Tarmac Construction have won a £10m contract for mechanical and electrical installation, civil engineering and building work at the Flotta terminal for the Piper oilfield in the Orkney Islands.

24,000 idle as disputes plague Leyland plants

By R. W. Shakespeare
Northern Industrial Correspondent

Total lay-offs at British Leyland plants rose yesterday to more than 24,000 as a result of disputes among components suppliers—in which about 3,000 other workers are idle. Short-time working and internal labour troubles in the corporation's own plants have exacerbated the situation. Production of seven different car ranges is at a standstill.

Although a big proportion of the Leyland workers are due back at work today, a company spokesman gave warning last night that component shortages are now threatening almost all the car assembly operations and fresh lay-offs can be expected.

Key element in the present production crisis, which is also putting Ford, Vauxhall and Chrysler car assembly operations at risk, is a strike by 700 clerical workers at five Coventry engineering factories belonging to the Dunlop organization. This dispute, over a £10 a week pay claim, has stopped all output of wheel, rim and suspension units with the lay-off of more than 2,000 other Dunlop workers.

As a direct result of this shutdown, 7,100 British Leyland workers at Birmingham, Cowley, Castle Bromwich and Coventry have had to be laid off indefinitely. Production of Mini, Allegro, Maxi and Triumph TR 6 cars has had to be stopped.

A second dispute at another components supplier, Coventry Motor Fittings has stopped supplies of radiators for British Leyland's Triumph Stag cars. Output of these also came to a halt yesterday.

Within British Leyland itself, short-time working at Cowley and Coventry meant that Marina and Jaguar production was also halved, with 7,800 workers directly involved.

However, at Cowley, 2,700 "indirect" workers were continuing their strike in protest against the management's decision to lay off 150 of them in conjunction with the Marina shutdown. This in turn meant that there was no work for a further 3,000 men in the body production departments, and output of the recently-launched 18/22 car range was also at a standstill.

Another 1,700 British Leyland workers were also laid off yesterday because of short time working at the Coventry engines and Drews Lane, Birmingham transmissions plants.

Harry Debelius writes from Madrid: Production continued at British Leyland's Authi engine plant near Santander yesterday, two days after what was thought to be the target date for closing the factory.

Sources close to the Spanish government said that the Authi plant, at the town of Corrales de Buelna, would probably continue to function until early in June.

Chrysler strike vote: About 4,000 production workers at Chrysler components factory in Coventry voted yesterday to strike from the end of the week. The men make engines for the Avenger, Imp and Hunter ranges.

A company spokesman said: "We are appalled that the company should be faced with a strike some eight weeks before the annual contract expires."

£10.4m bid for Sheffield Twist Drill

By Desmond Quigley

Sheffield Twist Drill and Steel's share price jumped 24p to 74p yesterday when Aktiebolaget Svenka Kullagerfabbriken (SKE) launched a takeover bid. the big Swedish ball-bearing makers SKF is offering 77.5p for each of the 13.5 million shares, valuing Sheffied Twist, a small tools manufacturer, at £10.46m.

SKF does not have a holding in Shefield Twist, whose board controls about 6 per cent of the equity, and unanimously recommended acceptance of the bid. Institutions hold a stake of just over 50 per cent. The Sheffield Twist board also recommends acceptance.

The offer, which follows several months of talks—these began long before the death of STDS's former chairman Mr Alex Dormer in January—is conditional on the bid not being referred to the Monopolies Commission.

Both companies believe a merger would lead to "substantial benefits" with the creation of a group "able to compete more effectively with large non-European manufacturers". Product lines would be rationalized allowing both companies to enjoy longer production runs.

The two companies currently have less than 10 per cent of the European market and less than 30 per cent of the United Kingdom market. STDS said yesterday that a merger would not result in any redundancies.

STDS is being advised by Lazard Brothers while Hill Samuel is acting for SKF.

Deputy chief resigns in board split at Jensen

By Clifford Webb

Another prestige car manufacturer, Jensen Motors of West Bromwich, is believed to be in serious financial trouble. Mr Dick Graves, the British deputy managing director and resident chief executive, has resigned after a reported disagreement over rescue tactics with Mr Kjell Qvale, Jensen's American chairman and managing director.

The company is now being run by another American, Mr Al Goot, a member of Mr Qvale's San Francisco staff. It is understood that attempts have been made recently to sell Jensen to British and foreign makers. Directors have also been trying to obtain outside contract work.

Five months ago Mr Qvale announced: "The cash flow situation at Jensen is about as serious as I am prepared to let it go." He told his 1,200 employees that unless they put more effort into their work he was prepared to close the company.

In the boardroom shakeup that ensued, Mr Kevin Beattie, the managing director, reverted to his former post of director of engineering and Mr Qvale became chairman and managing director.

In December, Mr Graves, then marketing director, was appointed deputy managing director. Because Mr Qvale spends long periods in the United States this meant that Mr Graves was effectively chief executive. A finance director and a personnel director were recruited from outside companies.

Despite this injection of new blood Jensen's sales have continued to fall and production has been progressively reduced until it is now only 28 cars a week compared with 130 a year ago. A programme of redundancies has cut the 1,200-strong labour force to 700. Short-time working has been in operation for the whole of this year.

Yesterday Mr Graves was still at Jensen's headquarters but he confirmed that he had resigned and would be leaving shortly. He declined to comment on the reported disagreement with his chairman. However, a close friend said: "There has been a fundamental disagreement between Dick Graves and Mr Qvale about the policies adopted during the present crisis.

"It will probably come out later but I do not think it would be in anyone's interests to reveal the details at this stage."

Jensen dealers said last night that demand for the 7-litre £8,717 Interceptor had virtually halted since the oil crisis. Interceptor owners are finding it almost impossible to obtain a part exchange price from the trade which would enable them to switch to smaller cars.

The 2-litre Jensen-Healey sports car which costs £3,130 in the United Kingdom, has been similarly hard hit by the sharp recession in the American market which accounts for the bulk of its sales.

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Cammell Laird profit cut to £1.1m but forecast good

From Peter Hill
Industrial Correspondent
Oslo, May 5

Profits of Cammell Laird Shipbuilders, in which the Government is a 50 per cent shareholder, sufered a sharp setback last year. The Merseyside shipbuilding and engineering group recorded a profit of £1.1m, half of its 1973 profit of £2,215,000.

But, Mr J. Graham Day, the company's chief executive, stressed that despite the setback, the company, in which the Laird Group also holds a 50 per cent interest, was maintaining a strong cash flow position. Cammell's performance was subject of some criticism early this year in the annual report of the Comptroller and Auditor General and the Department of Industry was said to tightening up monitoring of Cammell's operations.

However, the fact that the company recorded a profit at all is significant, given the loss-making situation of other state-owned yards such as Harland and Wolff and Govan Shipbuilders.

Mr Day said today that in the current year Cammell expected to continue "in the black". The poor performance last year reflected the effects of the three-day week and a seven-week strike at the yard which brought production to a halt.

These two factors reduced the company's output by about one-third.

Boddingtons' Breweries Ltd., Manchester

RECORD PROFITS AND TURNOVER

In his statement for the year ended December 31, 1974, the Chairman, Mr. Ewart Boddington, makes the following points:

ite the country's economic difficulties, your Company record profits and turnover for the 5th year in n. Profits before tax were £123,650 more than the year. Higher taxation, however, reduced the after ts to less than the 1973 figure.

of our own locally brewed beer are not only being ed, but are increasing. Last year the amount of oducts advanced in volume by 10.4%, compared with the previous year. Our trade overall went ahead by ompared with the national average increase of 4.08%.

he past four years, we have spent £2½ million on tems and new developments, all of which have been our of revenue. This has included the building of a ce block and wine and spirit stores, the extension of very, and the building of new public houses.

ing 1974 we spent £340,000 on Capital improvements icensed premises (compared with £186,000 in 1973), urther £192,000 on repairs and maintenance. We are, e, maintaining our drive to improve our properties p them up to a good standard.

s proposed to pay a final dividend of 0.9050p per making a total for the year of 2.6550p per share (2.45p re 1973).

the first four months of 1975, our trade has been . sales of our beers are still advancing, and our nation to get through these difficult times as success- possible is in no way diminished. Given even ely fair conditions, I have no doubt that your Company tinue to prosper.

Annual General Meeting: Board Room, Manchester Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Ship Canal House, King Street, Manchester, M60 2HB on Thursday, May 29, at 12 noon.

Inspectors to examine Selmes Company affairs

By Our Financial Staff

Mr Peter Shore, the Secretary of State for Trade, last night announced the appointment of two inspectors to investigate the affairs of Dowgate and General Investments and of CST Investments. Both companies are linked with the controversial financier, Mr Christopher Selmes.

Dowgate recently wrote off the whole of the £5.2m loan it made to CST, the private company through which Mr Selmes made his £20m bid for Grendon Trust in 1973.

Shortly afterwards Mr Selmes resigned from the Dowgate board and reduced his once substantial beneficial holding in the company to less than 10 per cent. *St Clements Estates*—another Selmes vehicle— owns around 52 per cem of Dowgate, which lost its investment trust status.

The inspectors appointed by Mr Shore under the provisions of Section 165 (B) of the Companies Act 1948 are Mr Joseph Jackson, QC, and Mr Kirkpatrick Young.

Record sales forecast for foreign cars in U S

New York, May 5.—Foreign car sales in the United States are likely to exceed the 1.4 million units sold last year, even though the overal American car market is expected to sink 4.5 per cent to 10 per cent below the depressed 1974 total and 25 per cent to 30 per cent below the record 1973 market.

How the markets moved

FT index: 315.0 −15.7
The Times index: 130.03 −5.03

Rises

Barlow Rand	13p to 278p	Int Hldgs	15p to 865p
Brit Isles & Gen	120p to 328p	Melbourne Gen	8p to 128p
Cairnton	128p to 270p	Nelson Fin	50p to 370p
Ciro Hldgs	11p to 81p	New World	18p to 98p
Cussons	6p to 56p	Reliance	15p to 350p
Fauld Cons	10p to 110p	Sheffield Twist	24p to 74p
First Reinvest	30p to 230p	Stigwood	3p to 30p

Falls

Barclays Bk	7p to 276p	Hawker Sidd	14p to 272p
Comm Union	8p to 160p	Imp Chem Ind	7p to 233p
Courtaulds	5p to 104p	Imperial Grp	3p to 54½p
Distillers	9p to 125p	Plessey	6p to 71p
EMI	19p to 147p	Rio Tinto	8p to 185p
GKN	9½p to 226½p	Shell	16p to 283p
Grand Met	4p to 57p	Vickers	3p to 137p

Equities were hit by early selling. Gilt-edged securities were worried by sterling and dearer money trend.

Sterling rose by 40 points to $2.3415. The "effective devaluation" rate was 23.3 per cent.

Gold fell by $1.50 to $163.75 an oz. SDR-$ was 1.24166 on Monday while SDR-£ was 0.520942.

Commodities: Sugar futures fell by up to £14 a long ton. Reuters' index closed at 1,073.7 (1,073.5 on Friday).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.81	1.76
Austria Sch	40.75	38.75
Belgium Fr	86.75	84.00
Canada $	2.43	2.38
Denmark Kr	13.20	12.80
Finland Mkk	8.55	8.30
France Fr	9.85	9.55
Germany DM	5.70	5.50
Greece Dr	70.75	68.50
Hongkong $	11.60	11.25
Italy Lr	1,490.00	1,435.00
Japan Yn	710.00	685.00
Netherlands Gld	5.80	5.60
Norway Kr	12.00	11.65
Portugal Esc	58.50	56.50
S Africa Rd	1.85	1.79
Spain Pes	133.00	128.00
Sweden Kr	9.50	9.20
Switzerland Fr	6.10	5.90
US $	2.38	2.33
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.25	38.75

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Bury & Masco

Manufacturers of non-woven textiles

	1974	1973
Turnover	£8,806,000	£7,167,000
Profit before taxation	£923,000	£839,000
Earnings per share	6.7p	6.6p
Dividend per share	3.6536p	3.4727p

Points from Mr. D. L. Donne's Statement

- Record pre-tax profits
- Strong balance sheet with little use of overdraft facilities
- Increased dividend
- Downturn in activity continues into 1975

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SCOTTISH PROVIDENT

The 137th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS of THE SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INSTITUTION will be held on TUESDAY 13th May, 1975 at 2.15 p.m. in the HEAD OFFICE, 6 ST. ANDREW SQUARE, EDINBURGH.

In addition to the Statement of Business for 1974, the results of the statutory investigation for the triennial period ended 31st December, 1974 will be reported.

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from this address.

J. M. MACHARG
General Manager and Actuary

6 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh.
29th April, 1975.

Big Korean order for components company

By Clifford Webb

A Midland component company which followed up a newspaper report on the "birth" of a new motor industry in South Korea, has won a big contract in the face of fierce competition from Japan.

Mr Edward Rose, chairman and managing director of Edward Rose (Birmingham) was so impressed by the reported potential of the British-supervised and partially financed Korean project that he flew out for a two-week visit.

He has just returned with a contract to supply machinery and tooling for the production of door frames and roof drip rails for the new Hyundai Pony, which goes into production in December. Initial quantities of parts will be supplied direct from its Midland factories.

Announcing the deal, Mr Rose also revealed that a technical and licensing agreement has been signed, which will involve the commissioning of a new factory at Daegu, 30 miles from the Hyundai motor complex at Ulsan.

He said: "The Korean project is most exciting and its potential enormous. Any undertaking which misses the chance of becoming involved at this early stage will be kicking itself for years to come.

"Our visit initially was to look at the project first-hand, but the potential became so apparent that I decided immediate action was required. We have entered into an agreement which will do much to help our total efforts, since we are facing reduced demand at home."

His company is a subsidiary of the publicly quoted William Bate Holdings group.

Mr George Turnbull, former managing director of British Leyland is managing director of Hyundai Motors. A team of six senior British motor engineers is assisting.

US Treasury borrowing means a testing time for the markets

From Frank Vogl
United States Economics Correspondent

Washington, May 5.—American money and bond markets face an immensely testing seven-week period which many bankers believe could result in chaotic contradictions developing, or its avoidance at the price of a total breakdown of the markets and much higher interest rates later in the year.

The treasury aims to raise more than $56,500m (about £24,000m) of new cash by June 30, as well as refinancing a vast amount of maturing debt.

The next three days will see the Treasury offering bonds and notes with a total value of $5,000m.

Mr Jack Bennett, Under-Secretary for Monetary Affairs at the Treasury, stated here last week that borrowing by the Treasury in the second half of 1975 will be an estimated $40,000m, after $36,000m for the first half year.

The second half figure is based on an estimated fiscal 1976 deficit of $60,000m, which bankers and congressmen consider to be extremely optimistic.

The Treasury may succeed with its financing plans in coming weeks without serious erosion of bond prices, because bankers are successfully managing to persuade private companies to postpone bond offerings of their own.

If the economy revives in the second half, as many bankers expect it will, and if the budget deficit moves close to $80,000m, as most economists and congressmen privately expect, then the markets will face an immense congestion problem in the autumn.

Dr Arthur Burns, chairman of the Federal, stated that the plan is to hold the M1 expansion rate at between five per cent and seven and a half per cent in the next 12 months.

Many bankers and economists argue that such a level is far too low to ease the almost certain bond market congestion that lies ahead.

The market could get through the next seven weeks without too many difficulties because of the private sector postponements, the structure of treasury financing plans and the temporary situation of banks flush with funds.

Another aid to the markets in recent weeks has been the record scale of net savings inflows to banks. The Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, which covers California, Nevada and Arizona, reported today that savings inflows to savings and loan banks reached a record $843m in March, showing a $11m rise over the February level.

The increase in March more than offset the record volume of $803m of net savings outflows seen in the final quarter of 1974.

Norwegians likely to aid shipping industry

From Peter Hill
Oslo, May 5

Norway is expected to adopt a more liberal attitude towards the nation's hard-pressed shipping industry in an attempt to mitigate the worst international shipping slump since the Second World War.

At the beginning of this month, about nine million tons deadweight, representing 16 per cent of the Norwegian merchant fleet, was laid up with about 6.7 million tons deadweight being tankers.

Leading Norwegian shipowners, such as Mr Hilmar Reksten are seeking to renegotiate unprofitable charter arrangements while Aker, the country's largest shipbuilding group, has lost orders for 10 very large crude carriers and is now faced with cancellation of other orders for the offshore industry.

Against a background of almost unrelieved gloom with no sign of any early improvement, shipping experts in Oslo fear that a further three million tons deadweight of Norwegian shipping could be destined for layup berths in the second half of this year as charter arrangements expire.

But yesterday Mr Einar Magnussen, Norway's Minister of Shipping, disclosed that the government was ready to assist. Speaking at the opening of Nor-Shipping '75, an international shipping exhibition, he said: "Shipping plays such an important part in the Norwegian economy that I can assure you the authorities will make efforts to maintain a strong Norwegian merchant fleet and shipbuilding industry."

He did not elaborate, and leaders of the Norwegian shipping industry emphasized that they have not and are not likely to ask for any special financial support.

It appears that the government, acknowledging the high cost of flag operation and the disastrous state of the tanker market, is now prepared to relax some of the controls on the industry.

Mr Magnussen said that 90 per cent of the country's cargo tonnage was sailing between foreign ports only and Norway was dependent on renewed economic activity in leading countries.

This point was developed by Mr Halfdan Ditlev-Simonsen, junior, the president of the Norwegian Shipowners' Association, who said: "If the individual countries resort to nationalism and protectionism, the result will be that international economic relations will deteriorate as everyone tries to safeguard narrow national position."

Chloride Group to build £10m batteries plant

A £10m plant at Over Hulton, near Bolton, is to be built by the Chloride Group for the production of motive power batteries. The development will increase the company's total United Kingdom battery capacity by 50 per cent.

Chloride's decision to expand follows its successful £7m rights issue at the end of last year when the company said the proceeds would be used towards financing expansion of facilities

£2m Russian contract

York Trailer has completed a deal worth more than £2m to supply 1,150 freight containers to Russia. York claimed yesterday it was the biggest container order placed by the Soviet Union in Britain.

OPEC may switch from $

Kuwait, May 5.—Shaikh Yamani, the Saudi Arabian oil minister, said today that the next ministerial conference of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in June would consider linking the price of oil with some other yardstick than the American dollar.

Speaking after a ministers' conference here Shaikh Yamani said: "This will be nothing more than a fixing of the oil prices. . . . It should not be taken as a price rise."

He said Saudi Arabia was still adhering to the oil price freeze decided by the summit meeting of Opec in Algiers earlier this year. In long term deals "prices of crude oil should be left flexible to any rise possibility", he said.

Speaking of an enlarged scope for the Arabian-American oil company (Aramco) organization under government ownership, Shaikh Yamani said "adequate incentive should be given to the American companies to carry out the industrialization of the kingdom and to continue their exploration of new oil fields".

Mr Ezzeddin Mabrouk, the Libyan oil minister, said problems of compensation had been solved with some foreign oil companies whose Libyan operations were being taken over, including British Petroleum.

A statement after the ministerial council meeting of Opec said the council approved the setting up of a new organization, the Arab Petroleum Services Company, based in Libya.

It decided to continue assistance by the Arab oil states to Arab oil importers and contribute a further $80m (£36m) to the Arab fund for economic and social development, the statement said.

ICL study looks at prospects in North America

International Computers has commissioned Booz, Allen & Hamilton, management consultants, to carry out a detailed study of the North American computer market. This follows the setting up of an Americas Sector within ICL's International Division last October, and the launch of the company's Model 2903 small computer there in November.

Mr Peter Weill, general manager of the new sector (which includes the operations of International Computers of Canada), expects the consultants' study to take four or five months. It will include an examination of the prospects for setting-up joint-venture dealerships as part of ICL's North American marketing.

Reception of the 2903 in the United States has been good, Mr Weill reports, with the first 15 sales including such customers as the Marine Midland Bank in New York; the City of Oshawa, Ontario; and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario, Toronto.

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In moving into the United States market—"walking into the backyard of the entire industry", in Mr Weill's words—ICL is concentrating on the 2903 for the time being. It will add larger 2900-series models when there is a large enough customer base, when the support services are strong enough, when the economic situation is judged to be right, and when the question of dealerships has been resolved.

"The United States is a large, relatively sophisticated marketplace with a great deal of opportunity," says Mr Weill, "but for ICL it is important that we grow in a controlled fashion."

ICL is already beginning to arrange Model 2903 dealerships in countries within the company's European Division. Negotiations have been completed with Gustav A. Ring in Norway and with Pan Selemos in Greece, and similar deals in Spain, Portugal, Italy and Finland are expected to be signed before long.

NCC's new funding

The National Computing Centre, Manchester, has established specific "work areas" in preparation for the new method of government funding which is to be introduced next year. Areas so far identified include computing with communications, standards, training, database and information services.

Under the new funding scheme, the Government's annual grant-in-aid to the centre (a lump sum to bridge the gap between income from other sources and expenditure) is to be abandoned. It will be replaced by specific support for approved projects and areas of work.

At present the centre earns half its income from the sale of products and services, 7 per cent from membership subscriptions and 43 per cent from the grant-in-aid. Total income in 1974-75 was about £1.5m.

Mr David Firnberg, the recently appointed director of the NCC, says that under the new method of funding, "notionally there is no limit to the funds the Government will make available, given there is a good case".

In practice, he indicates, the centre is expecting the support to continue at about the same level as at present. Budgets for the 1975-76 financial year, when the new scheme comes into operation, have to be submitted next September.

Mr Firnberg admits that the centre has probably tried to tackle too many things, over too wide a field, in the past. He adds: "We intend to be more disciplined about what we are doing and why we are doing it".

Kenneth Owen

Speculation on whereabouts of ENI chairman

From John Earle
Rome, May 5

A meeting set for this morning of the five-man executive board of ENI, the State-owned energy corporation, failed to take place. Mystery surrounds the whereabouts of Signor Raffaele Girotti, the chairman, officially stated at the weekend to be abroad somewhere.

According to one of his staff, Professor Francesco Forte, the vice-chairman, arrived at the appointed time only to find that none of the other members turned up. On the agenda was the incorporation of two small ailing textile companies into Tescon, ENI's textile subsidiary, of which Professor Forte is chairman.

Last week, Signor Girotti sent Signor Antonio Bisaglia, the minister for state-owned industry, a confidential letter on his role in ENI. His term of office expired last October and he has never been reconfirmed.

Up to this morning the minister had not opened the letter because he has been in North Italy.

The decreasing efficiency not only of ENI but of the whole public sector is emerging as a political issue.

New shipping consortium: M Pierre Fabre, the director general of the Chargeurs Reunis navigation line, the largest private line in France, said that his company was about to set up a new shipping consortium for traffic with the Far East.

It will band together those shipping interests which did not belong to Trio and Scandutch, the two existing consortia. The first is a grouping of British, Japanese, and German interests, the second of Scandinavian and Dutch groups.

Celanese to double synthetic tobacco output

The Celanese Corporation, which with ICI is one of the main participants in the development of man-made smoking materials, announced yesterday that it is to more than double production.

A new plant is to be built in Cumberland in the United States, to manufacture Çyrel, the brand name used by Celanese for its substitute tobacco product. This will bring capacity to about 20 million pounds annually, more than twice the nine million planned.

Celanese has linked with Carreras Rothmans and Gallaher for a jointly financed £2.5m development programme. Both companies are preparing a series of consumer acceptability tests for the United Kingdom market, with Carreras expecting to start sampling with about 4,000 British smokers during the next few weeks.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Causes of UK financial woe

From Mr John B. Hyde

Sir, Notwithstanding the Ryder Report the story is as follows:

1 Since the last war "full employment" and "social security" have been immutable policies of both political parties. Improving social security has lessened (but not eliminated) the miseries of unemployment, but no account has been taken of this in implementing public policy.

2 The provision of social security has been costly and has led to high corporate and personal taxation.

3 High company tax has led to low company earnings or profits.

4 High personal tax has reduced incentives and probably adversely affected the quality of management.

5 Exceptionally high tax on investment income has led to the deployment of personal wealth in comparatively non-productive (ie non-income productive) ways. (En passant, we seem to have made it quite easy to transfer wealth from one generation to the next while severely limiting the possible ways of creating wealth. We have tolerated some of the least attractive routes to riches and penalized some of the most constructive.)

6 Low company profitability and poor management have led to inadequate "real" investment (of the "bricks and mortar" variety)

7 Inadequate real investment has led to poor wage and salary levels.

8 Low incomes and high tax have led to disappointed expectations of "growth" and living standards.

9 Low incomes, high tax, disappointed expectations, and antiquated equipment, have led to unhappy labour relations and outstandingly bad productivity in industry.

10 Unhappy labour relations have led to poor product quality and distressing delivery date performance.

11 Mediocre products, delivered late, have led to higher imports and lower exports (worse balances of trade and payments).

12 Deteriorating balances of payments have led to devaluations of the pound; to worse inflation; to lower real incomes; to higher wage claims, etc.

13 The entire sequence has led to Mr Benn proposing massive public expenditure on modern labour saving equipment to be operated, it seems, by the same labour force now employed on the existing antiquated equipment.

There is little will to reverse the above but a reversal there must be. It will follow either a liberal or a marxist form—that is the choice for the country.

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Government action on Leyland

From Mr S. A. Evans

Sir, As an advocate of a mixed economy, and also as a member of the London Stock Exchange, I find it deplorable that the shareholders of British Leyland are being paid 10p for their shares in that company, which is essentially a mammoth failure due to bad management and bad labour relations.

It is ironic that it is the Labour Government which persistently and unjustly chastises private investment and the stock market, is prepared to pay in unwarranted premium out of taxpayers' money for the right to take over a company which, in anyone's terms, is at best a "lame duck".

For the stock market to be a perfect market, which must be one of the City's aims, investment must be on the basis that good management and good labour relations are rewarded by a higher dividend return and consequent higher share prices. In this instance, neither factor was in operation.

The company has proved totally unprofitable, and the shareholders who have taken an investment risk by buying the shares, are baled out by the Government from taxation funds of the majority of the populace, who have taken no such investment risk.

Again, the Labour Government is pursuing its usual interventionist role in private industry, handing out the taxpayers' money in a most irresponsible manner.

Surely, in view of the current necessary cut backs, albeit small, in public expenditure, this was not a time to subsidize investors for badly judged investment decisions. Equally, with entrepreneurial morale at a current low ebb, surely in the longer term it is far better to give material benefit to successful investment risks rather than hard luck recompense for disasters.

S. A. EVANS,
11 Lichfield Gardens,
Richmond, Surrey.

Building society house surveys

From Mr J. Townsend-Green

Sir, I am afraid Mr Townley (April 18) is guilty of muddled thinking, due probably to him being given insufficient information.

A building society survey is a misnomer as in fact it is a valuation, and the fee is related to the responsibility, in his case, a purchase price of £25,000.

His private survey appears to have been a structural survey which is why the price did not arise, and the surveyor's responsibility would have been limited to the difference in value caused by omitting to notice and report upon structural difficulties; a probable responsibility of up to £5,000.

Surveyor's fees are based upon their responsibilities and are unlikely, unless specifically agreed, to have regard only to the time involved.

It will be obvious that an experienced and keen-eyed surveyor or valuer can do his job in a shorter time than perhaps the layman might expect.

J. E. J. TOWNSEND-GREEN,
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Workers No to Benn

From Mr T. P. Miller

Sir, Mr Benn's claim that Bristol Channel Ship Repairers has spent £250,000 on advertising space is an exaggeration. The total to date is around a mere third of that.

Lord Beswick also has been less than fair in his complaint about being "quoted out of context" by the company's copywriters. The facts are that at a meeting on March 11, a BCSR shop steward asked Lord Beswick a number of pertinent questions, which were not answered.

The company wrote to him on March 17 pointing out its dissatisfaction with the meeting and reminding him of some of the things he had and had not said. The letter requested a further meeting with Lord Beswick and Mr Benn to obtain "specific and practical answers" to the questions raised.

BCSR were then informed that no useful purpose would be served by such a meeting. The company thought this quite unsatisfactory, and confirmed the agreement of its workers by passing the letter of March 17 around the yards. Well over three-quarters of BCSR's employees put their signatures to the request for a meeting.

Eventually, in exasperation, the company published the letter and statement supporting it signed by the workers in The Times of April 9. Our view as the "company copywriters" was that publishing the whole of the letter was the only correct thing to do, even though it made for a formidably wordy advertisement.

We felt that Mr Benn must make some response when he knew, and it was seen that he knew, that the company's request had the support of a large majority of its employees.

We were wrong. Although the request was repeated in The Guardian of April 23 and Sunday Express of April 27, his only response has been to complain about the "use of economic power for political purposes".

BCSR want proper consultation. They want the views of their employees taken into account. They feel it is reasonable to expect Mr Benn, who said in 1973 that it was wrong that "workers have no legal rights to be consulted when the firms in which they work are taken over", to be consistent and give proper consultation, even to the point of a referendum in BCSR's docks.

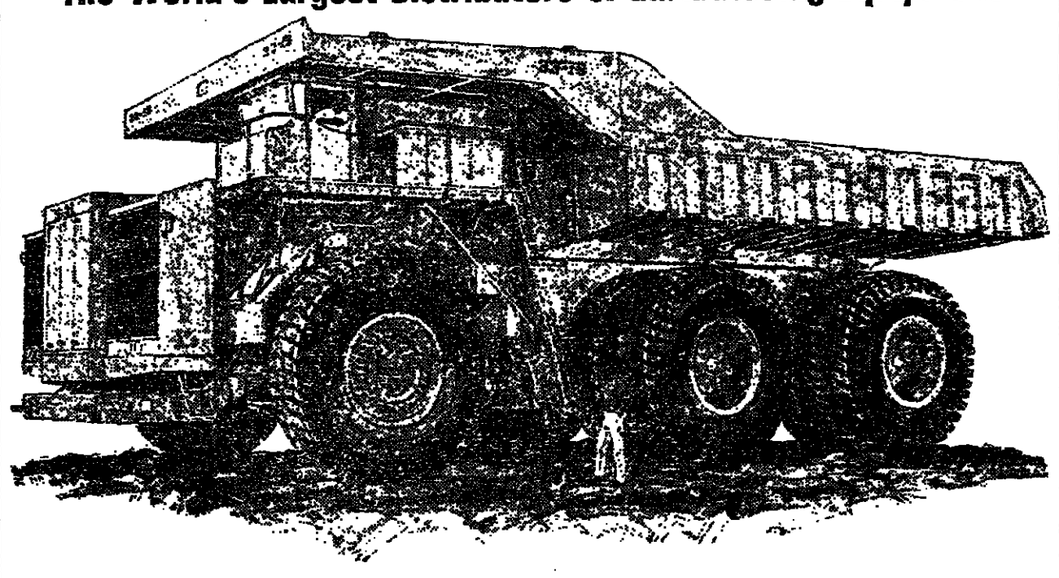
If every private request for such consultation goes unheeded, what alternative has BCSR but to make its case in public? Advertising space is expensive, but Mr Benn should realize that small companies have nothing like his access to the press, television and radio.

BCSR feel they are fighting against an injustice that could lead to the destruction of their business and their jobs. We are proud to be associated with their fight.

TIMOTHY MILLER,
KH Advertising Limited,
London, EC4.

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Up 49.6% to £8.5 Million

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Up 22.4% to £34.7 Million

FUTURE OUTLOOK
Profitable Growth

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Phosphates: how the salts of the earth came to change the face of the earth.

On May 27th, to mark the International Superphosphates and Compound Manufacturers' Association Conference in San Francisco, The Times is planning to publish a Special Report on Phosphates.

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THE TIMES

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

A market that has lost momentum

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Mr Kenneth Thorogood, chairman of Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn: forced to make a substantial bad debt provision against a customer's troubles.

bond market by first-rate names, for example, proved sufficiently unattractive that their size had to be reduced.

Admittedly, the standing of United Kingdom issues abroad is not high. Few bankers believe that the Government could now successfully syndicate a major Euroloan on acceptable terms. But there is good reason to believe that ICI paper will command more respect than Government paper might. Its 1992-dated Eurobond *issue, at 10 per cent, is currently* yielding less than local authority and nationalized industry issues of shorter maturity. And if the Japanese and French experience is anything to go by, ICI could find itself more highly rated in the United States than in the Eurobond market.

Cussons

A family interest

There are a few unsatisfactory points about the so far rather unsuccessful Paterson Zochonis bid for Cussons. On the extension of the offer last *week PZ revealed it had* garnered some 49 per cent of the voteless "A" shares, and 21 per cent of the voting *ordinary*. For the offer to go through it has to obtain over half of both. The Cussons board and family, who have *been in something* of a lather over the unwelcome overtures have never revealed what proportion of the all important ordinary shares are *under their* influence, apart from references to "substantial effective control" in defensive propaganda.

Estimates are that it could amount to 40 per cent or more, which is, indeed, the only way of rationalizing why the voting shareholders have responded less enthusiastically. If the family stake is large enough, given a few per cent for apathy, to obstruct takeover bids then other shareholders should know exactly how large the family stake is, for future reference if nothing else.

Most public companies have by now given up the old-fashioned idea of having a non-voting capital, so leaving voting control in the family's clenched fist. If they haven't, company legislation is almost certain to force them to sooner rather than later. Over the next week or so further acceptances of PZ's offer will take its stake in *the "A" to over 50 per cent*, but much good will it do PZ unless a few more of the ordinary shareholders come over too.

Meanwhile, the Cussons "A" are 42p, against an offer price of 58p and the ordinary are 50p against 66p. The exit p/e ratio of around 13 per cent on the ordinary looks generous. At this stage, though, family shareholders seem unimpressed.

Tozer Kemsley

Scope for recovery

This year Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn reckons to redeem its repuration. It will take some doing, after a 1974 profits decline whose magnitude took the board itself by surprise. But the grounds for recovery, if not advance, are certainly there. And given the cover even on last year's diminished profitability, a yield of 7.75 per cent at 40p does the group's shares justice and no more.

In the first place there should be no provisions on bad debt this time such as the one the group had to make right at the end of last year, when an American customer, a bicycle *manufacturer and distributor*, was discovered to have run into troubles such as to require "the forbearance and support" of a number of banks and finance houses to keep it in business. Tozer Kemsley has taken the cautious line and made an unquantified but "substantial" provision against possible loss—a provision running into several hundred thousand pounds.

That this is unlikely to be repeated, however, is a matter for the second half. The first half of the year may benefit from an improved performance by the motor concessions, partly *in consequence of an upturn* in the market, and partly as a result of the measures employed to prune the business last year, with stock levels at the BMW concession being cut by £6m and the number of premises and staff employed also being run down. And there should be loss elimination in the food division now that the group has extracted itself, albeit at considerable expense, from the canned salmon saga—and indeed, from food importing generally. On the *other hand*, Price and Pierce is by no means doing as well as during the first half boom in timber and wood-pulp last year: so loss-elimination on the one hand is likely to be offset by reduced profits on the other. So it will be the second half of the year before profits show any real upturn.

Meanwhile, the surge in borrowings which the balance sheet reveals is to some extent deceptive, since it in part reflects a switch into the use of advances against bills of exchange, as against the negotiated bills which were traditional in the group's old Commonwealth *stamping grounds*. Also reflecting the increase in the international trade which the group finances—partly fuelled by inflation and by increased customer requirements at a time of tight money—the increase in borrowings has been matched by a rise in bills receivable, at £117m as against £85m. Last year's bad debt debacle notwithstanding, TKM is happy enough about the prospects and performances of this, traditionally the backbone of the business.

Accounts 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £11.2m
Net assets £10.7m (£12.6m)
Borrowings £87.4m (£59.4m)
Pre-tax profit £2.92m (£4.31m)
Earnings per share 3.1p (5.8p)

Oliver Stanley discusses implications of some of the measures promised in the Budget speech

Dangers in the move to speed up tax payments

In his Budget speech Mr Healey promised new measures to "encourage" prompt payment of tax. Contrived delays had, he said, become a method of effectively opting out of the tax system for years at a stretch.

Perhaps with both tax and borrowing rates as high as they are reluctance to pay up is not *surprising. But, until now, the* sanctions against late payment by business owners have been weak compared with Pay As You Earn, and Mr Healey has set himself the awkward job of repairing the weakness.

Until now, where delayed tax has been less than £1,000 or the period for which delayed less than two months, no interest has been chargeable. These limits are to be scrapped, but, more important, there is to be a new set of rules fixing the "reckonable date" from which interest begins to run.

In the past a timely appeal on the grounds that the assessment was "estimated and excessive" has been a useful method of bringing the tax machine to a grinding halt. Interest has not begun to run until the final settlement of that appeal by commissioners' adjudication or agreement with the inspector.

So long as the appeal remained outstanding the tax arising has been put into limbo—"stood over" in the collectors' jargon.

There have, it is true, been procedures permitting the inspector to apply to the local commissioners for payment "on account" orders, being for amounts of tax "not in dispute". For example, one item in a trading profit computation may be the subject of an argument with the inspector, but, in *the meantime*, you pay on *all* the rest.

But this procedure has been clumsy and has placed the *burden of responsibility upon* the inspector. He has had to take the initiative and go to the commissioners' tribunal for an order.

No longer. Henceforth, if you appeal against your assessment, the tax chargeable on *you remains legally payable* unless you yourself go to the commissioners for a postponement order or are able to persuade the inspector to defer collection.

In short, the burden of responsibility is now yours and the inspector has the whip hand. He can continue to press for payment, if necessary by a summary judgment or by sending *round gentlemen in bowler* hats to distrain goods and possessions, until you have secured your postponement order. That is a very *different ball game*.

Moreover, so far as a charge for interest on delayed tax is in point, there is a new time fixed for setting the clock running against the taxpayer. If you appeal against your assessment and the original due and payable date for the tax is already past then a stipulated period is to be allowed for settlement of the appeal; once that has elapsed interest begins to run upon the tax under appeal, assuming, of course, that the appeal is lost and that tax is ultimately found to be payable.

An example will help to make the new system clear. Suppose a company makes up its accounts for the year to March 31, 1975 then the corporation tax upon that slice of profit would normally become payable on January 1, 1976. However, the company has not got its accounts completed and submitted by that date, so the inspector makes an estimated assessment based, *faute de mieux*, upon the previous year's profits, and the company duly appeals.

When the accounts are sent in, a couple of years later, they contain some contentious item, so that in all three or four years elapse before the Revenue gets its full tax; under the old system it could not charge any terest on the arrear because interest did not begin to run until the date the appeal was finally settled.

Under the new system all the tax charged is payable at the outset. If the company appeals it will have to show—somehow—why tax should be postponed. And at the end of the day the Revenue will be able to charge interest on unpaid tax as from June 30, 1976, the "reckonable" date.

Six months is to be allowed as a reasonable time for the appeal to be settled and after that the taxpayer is *effectively* to be penalized.

You will be able to protect yourself from an interest penalty by making a deposit of *estimated tax at the outset. If* your appeal is successful, you will be able to have part or all repaid.

This may sound fair enough, and certainly the Revenue has been finding the weaknesses in the law intolerably burdensome. However, the new rules will need close scrutiny from several standpoints to ensure that the subject is not being oppressed.

In the first place, delay in tax correspondence, in turn producing delay in the settlement of Schedule D appeals, is not the prerogative of taxpayers or their professional advisers. Inspectors of taxes are notoriously overworked and in arrears. The interest clock starts running against the taxpayer from a "reckonable" date and, once that date has passed, delays created by *either party* to the correspondence can cost the taxpayer interest.

If weeks elapse while the inspector researches the problem, takes advice from Somerset House, marshals his arguments and loses his file of papers, the taxpayer may have to pay up for his administrative failures. If weeks elapse while the inspector does nothing—goes on his annual leave or is busy with other cases—interest can continue to run against the appellant.

In short, the Inland Revenue is placing itself in the happy *position whereby inactivity on* its part can increase its take. That is manifestly dangerous.

Secondly, the switchover to *the new system may* create cash flow problems for business taxpayers, who are at present paying at 52 per cent and for whom tax liabilities and fresh investment programmes represent competing requirements.

Thirdly, much will depend *upon the cooperation of pro*fessional advisers, mainly accountants, who submit computations of liability to the inspector. Delay in accountants' offices may penalize taxpayers. Accountants are also under considerable pressures at present.

Lastly, the change will upset the overall balance of power in the tax war, tilting it in favour of the inspector. The urge to raise valid but contentious points will be weakened by the knowledge that ultimate defeat in the courts carries an interest penalty for failure.

Tax law is a very uncertain subject and the scope for genuine differences of opinion is enormous. Thus, although one can readily see the nature of the tax collection problem faced by the revenue, the solution proposed is far from ideal.

In practice, the excesses will be modified by the traditionally temperate attitude of HM Inspectors, but the Conservatives are right to challenge these clauses.

How the two-party system is thwarting progress in industrial relations

Eric Wigham

Sir Anthony Bowlby, in a recent paper to senior executives of the GKN group, said that the British economy is one of the least successful in Europe and that one reason for this is that we have about the worst industrial relations in Europe.

He went on to suggest that one reason for the state of our industrial relations is our political system. "We find no country in Europe, other than Britain, with an electoral system based on the principle of election by a simple majority in a constituency, a method of voting which supports the two-party system, exaggerates the swing of opinion and denies political representation to central opinion . . . *it tends to polarize opinion* to the extremes of left and right and to disenfranchise the centre."

His analysis needs qualification. When two almost equal parties are contending for power, neither can be successful without getting a proportion of the centre vote and, in fact, the centre is strongly represented in both parties in Parliament now. In the days of Butskellism it was often complained that there was not enough difference between them.

But in the past decade there is no doubt that the effect of the two-party system has been *to make progress in industrial* relations almost impossible. Indeed one could dismiss the behaviour in this field of the two parties as being ridiculous if it were not so tragic.

It has often been pointed out how each in its turn sets up organizations to deal with industrial relations problems only for the other to sweep *them away, in some cases just* as they were acquiring sufficient skill and experience to make a real contribution.

The 1964 Labour Government wiped out the National Incomes Commission, the 1970 Conservative Government the Prices and Incomes Board and the Manpower and Productivity Service, the 1974 Labour Government the Pay Board and its relativities function and the Commission on Industrial Relations, the Registrar of Trade Unions and Employers' Associations and the National Industrial Relations Court.

The present Government has a new set of organizations which will no doubt in their turn be abolished or changed beyond *recognition*. The alternation of governments is almost certain to go on because what the electorate wants is a government *which can call a halt to* inflation; and, as neither of them has discovered how to do it, neither is likely to last long.

The disadvantages resulting from the two-party system go deeper than the chopping and changing of institutions. That could be prevented if the employers and unions got together to establish an agreed framework.

Both sides of industry pay lip-service from time to time to the idea of industrial self-government. They point out that governments come and go while industry goes on all the time.

But each is in alliance with *one or other* of the two parties. The Conservatives receive massive financial support from employers. The trade unions *provide most of the Labour* Party's money.

When the Tories are in office, the Confederation of British Industry support measures which the TUC regard as anti-union, like the Industrial Relations Act. When Labour is in office, the TUC make sure that industrial relations legislation is biased in their favour.

Neither is likely to accept a balanced compromise when it has, or hopes that it will soon have, a government which will give it all it wants.

The position has been made much worse in the past few years since both parties have *turned to legislation to* strengthen their allies and weaken their opponents. It is only a little over 10 years since the Tories decided that plans to restrict trade union activities by law would help their election chances.

It is much less than that since the TUC decided to rely on laws rather than organization to strengthen their hands. In the 1960s they consistently put obstacles in the way of much of the notable series of reforms, mostly initiated by the Conservatives though not always brought to the statute book by them, which improved the status and security of workers, such as those providing for written contracts of employment and lengthened periods of notice, the right of appeal against dismissal and redundancy payments.

These were matters, they were apt to say, which were better left to collective bargaining.

But now they have turned to the law with the Employment Protection Bill and the proposed Bill on industrial democracy. Just as the CIR was *destroyed* because it was given statutory functions under the Industrial Relations Act, so the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, at least in its present form, may collapse because of the statutory functions proposed for it under the Employment Protection Bill.

We seem to be faced with an alternation not only of industrial machinery but also of industrial legislation, ill-considered and hurried through by one party or the other because they realize that their time in office is likely to be short, and that they must make what they do as difficult as possible to reverse.

If a form of proportional representation in Parliament woud put an end to this sort of thing then, whatever else may be said for or against it, there is no doubt that it would give industrial relations a chance.

As things are, no party would ever get an over-all majority under such a system. The Liberals and the smaller parties would always have to be considered. We would not have had the Industrial Relations Act as it was or the Employment Protection Act as it is intended to be, though we would probably have had elements of both.

The TUC and CBI, both aware that their political allies would never be in sole control, would develop their pressure group techniques and would be much more likely to come together to *work out an agreed policy for* industry and agreed machinery to give it effect.

It can, of course, be argued that the country has got into a state in which only drastic change will resolve its problems *and that such change can be* brought about only if a single party, of right or left, is in full control. But it is unlikely to be brought about if they are regularly changing places.

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FINANCIAL RESULTS 1974 *(year ended 31st December)*

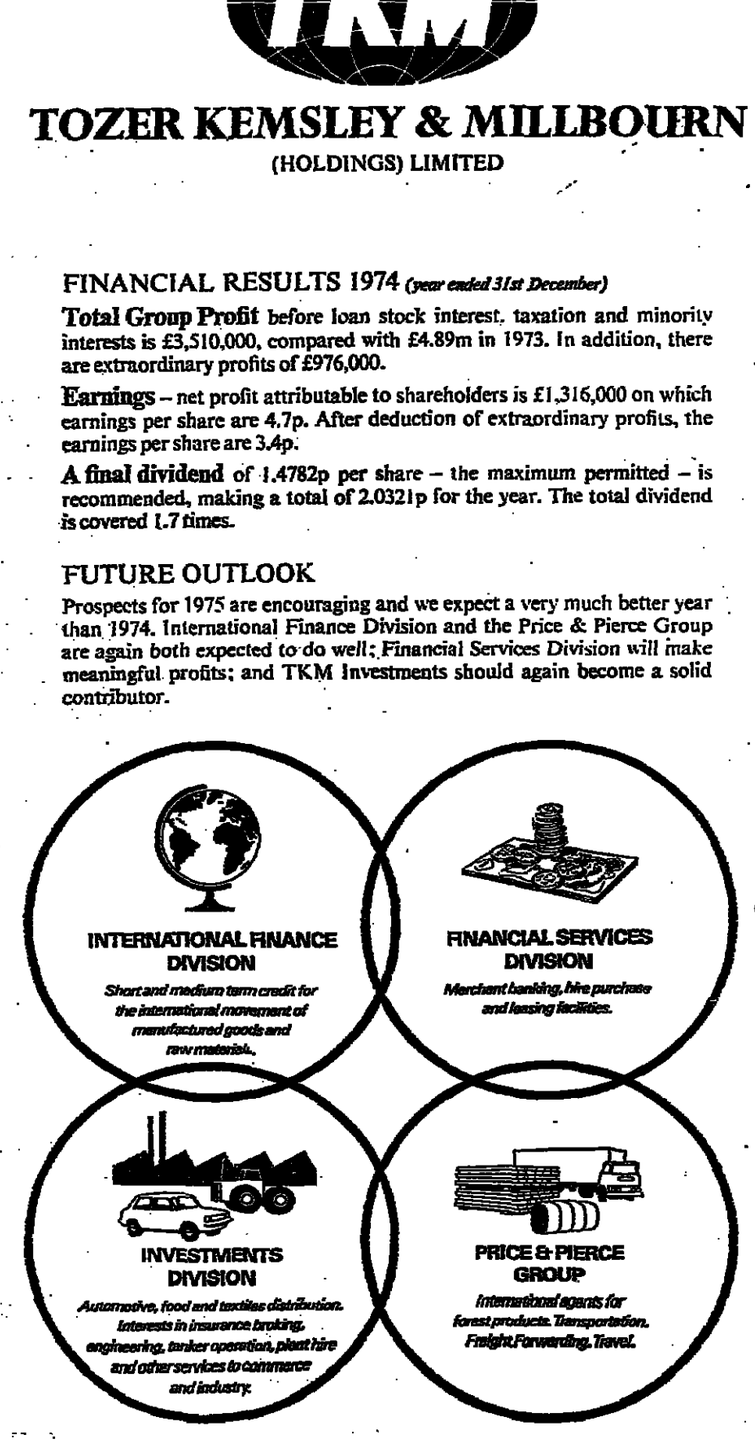
Total Group Profit before loan stock interest, taxation and minority interests is £3,510,000, compared with £4.89m in 1973. In addition, there are extraordinary profits of £976,000.

Earnings – net profit attributable to shareholders is £1,316,000 on which earnings per share are 4.7p. After deduction of extraordinary profits, the earnings per share are 3.4p.

A final dividend of 1.4782p per share – the maximum permitted – is recommended, making a total of 2.0321p for the year. The total dividend is covered 1.7 times.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

Prospects for 1975 are encouraging and we expect a very much better year than 1974. International Finance Division and the Price & Pierce Group are again both expected to do well; Financial Services Division will make meaningful profits; and TKM Investments should again become a solid contributor.



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Business Diary: Jensen collision • Rough for cider

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executive at the There had to be a heads would roll—and they did. When the men operated a go-slow Qvale threatened to shut the place. The unions backed down so we shall never know if he was bluffing.

"Graves, on the other hand, is almost diffident in his approach. People are often deceived by his extreme politeness and surprised when they find that underneath is a very determined character."

Closing time

The cider-making industry is to lose yet another of its members. Horrell & Son, a Devon-based *firm specializing in* draught cider, will close its doors on Friday, making 10 people redundant. A company spokesman said yesterday they were "very disappointed" at the decision taken by Horrell's parent company, brewers J. A. Devenish & Co.

It is clear that Horrell's, like all small companies at present, was bedevilled by soaring costs and declining sales.

The shrinkage in the number of cider companies still trading has been more acute than among brewers. Just after the war the National Association of Cidermakers, the industry's leading trade association, had 55 members. It now has only 18.

A few year's ago, when Guinness entered the Taunton cider *consortium*, it was thought that cider might follow the sales success which lager has enjoyed. But a sharp increase in sales in 1973, after several years of stagnation, was not maintained last year.

Figures from the National Association of Cidermakers show total sales of about 34.8 million gallons in 1974 against 34.4 million in the previous year.

One of the difficulties which non-brewery-owned draught cider-makers face is gaining entry into licenced houses. The big brewers each have their own companies—Allied have Coates, Gaymers & Whiteways; and Bass Charrington and Courage have Taunton's products.

Against this background H. P. Bulmer achieved a coup earlier this year by signing an agreement to supply Grand Metropolitan Hotels' giant network of Watney and Truman public houses, under which Bulmer's will become the house cider brand. While it will not be the sole supplier to the chain, Bulmer brands will be given favoured treatment over those of competitors.

To make the deal, GMH had to withdraw as an "active" shareholder in the Taunton consortium where, with Watney Mann, it had a 19.5 per cent stake. *This decision*, it said, was in line with a declared policy of withdrawing from activities that did not fit in with the group's main operations. Presumably J. A. Devenish, the Horrell parent company, reached a similar decision.



Benn v Sir Monty: which is the man of steel?

Oyster openness

A party of 27 French fishermen, businessmen and civil servants will sit down to an oyster lunch at Bradwell, Essex, today to smooth the way, it is hoped, for the French nuclear power station programme.

Why oysters and why Bradwell, Essex? The answer is that the village is on the Blackwater Estuary and on the estuary is a 250 megawatt nuclear power station.

The Central Electricity Generating Board are at present very pleased with themselves because they have proved to their own satisfaction that the warm water produced by the station has not harmed the local oyster beds and herring-spawning grounds. Now the visiting *Frenchmen are seeing* both Bradwell and the oil-fired station at Fawley (another oyster area) under the aegis of *the people behind the national* nuclear programme, the state utility Electricité de France.

This party follows a deputation of Normans who came last month and will be followed by others from other places along the coast of north-west France that are likely to be the object of EdF's nuclear attentions.

At Bradwell the visitors will be shown how warm water and effluent discharges are monitored for the benefit of marine life. At Fawley they will be told that so many oysters are now basking in the warm water that some are being transferred to depleted beds elsewhere, while at Bradwell they will be told that new herring fisheries have been developed.

Directors of Jessel Toynbee, a discount house, seem determined not to be left behind by inflation. Having obtained shareholder support in 1972 for an increase in directors' fees from £500, the level at which they had stuck since 1963, to £750 they are coming back for more. This time, however, they are asking for an increase to £2,000, although at first they only want the rise—introduced "in view of the growth of your company in recent years and the high rate of inflation"—to be enough to bring the fees up to £1,250. Fees are, of course, only a part of the 10 directors' income, which last year rose by 15 per cent to £107,000.

Sir Monty Finniston's reply to Mr Benn

Government should support BSC's efforts to modernize the industry

Dear Secretary of State,

When we met on April 28 you handed me a letter including four questions on which you invited me to let you have the considered reply of the board of the Corporation. My board has now considered these wide-ranging questions, and in this letter I am setting out briefly our response.

You ask first about the press reports of my statements on April 22. These were correct in substance. The only point of divergence was that some inferences about our planned level of manpower reduction were more specific than my actual remarks, as may be seen from the full account of the discussion.

Before coming to your four questions I should like to say what the board is trying to do—and indeed what it is required to do by its statutory obligations. The Corporation is engaged in one part of that regeneration of British industry to which the Government rightly attach the highest importance.

For a long time the steel industry has been out of date in large sectors, and this is still so. Much of its equipment is obsolescent or obsolete and partly because of this it takes many more people in Britain to make a ton of steel than in other advanced industrial countries and at higher cost.

In the regeneration that the Corporation has begun, the industry will produce more and higher quality steel than ever before, with the most modern plant and machinery (£4,500m is being invested over a decade) but employ fewer people.

The Corporation is naturally concerned to prevent or mitigate any hardship to individuals resulting from this process, and we have developed advanced and humane social policies to this end—beginning with exceptionally long notice of intended job losses, followed by discussion of the proposals, and then involving individual counselling, redeployment, retraining, generous early retirement and redundancy provision, as well as positive steps of various kinds to attract alternative industry to replace disappearing steel jobs.

It has been widely acknowledged that these measures go far beyond those taken by any other major United Kingdom industrial concern, and present ministers have paid tribute to this.

This said, I come to your questions.

1.—The Corporation sees two major roles for the Government in the steel plant closure review which was begun in May, 1974, and which we hope can be speedily concluded. First, we accept that government should continue to consider with all concerned the implications of proposed closures for particular communities, and then discuss with the Corporation the scope for amending the proposals if necessary: and the Government must clearly, like the Corporation, do everything possible to help find new job opportunities in the areas which we all know will be most seriously affected.

Secondly, we are acutely conscious of the human and social problems involved, but the Corporation looks to the Government of the day to support us constantly in the essential strategy of continuing the work of producing a modern steel industry—for on this depends in the years to come the jobs and wealth of those in the industry and of the many more in the industries downstream of us.

So far, the Corporation has been content to agree to the conclusions the Government has reached in the review. We hope this will continue to be the case.

2.—As to the scale and timing of redundancies, the long-term and the short-term problems must be considered quite separately even though the recession has coincided in time with the review of the closure under our strategy.

On the completion of our present strategy we must do with about 40,000 fewer men than we have at present. Productivity agreements may even secure a greater reduction in numbers than this. All this has been well publicized over some years and I explained it to you and six of your ministerial colleagues in various departments in a detailed presentation in May, 1974.

Normal wastage in the industry will cover some of the decline, but the principal aim must be to justify the new and costly equipment by securing lower and more efficient manning scales. The timetable for some of these closures was set out in Lord Beswick's interim statement; as for the rest the Corporation's views are known to you but are still the subject of the closure review.

The short-term problem is distinct and worries me and my colleagues greatly. As the Government and the unions have known for some weeks now, we shall be obliged to reduce numbers by several thousand this year because of the severe fall in demand which at present is as much as 50 per cent for some of our products.

The precise extent of reduced manning and the timing for it to take effect is uncertain. This is partly because the consultations we began a couple of months ago with our unions—at national, divisional and plant level are still under way but partly also because the market situation is deteriorating daily and this changes our planned intentions. Of course the Corporation greatly regrets these effects on employment, but they are a feature of a highly cyclical industry and have been much aggravated by the present unprecedented level of inflation.

Nevertheless, as you know, we have made certain proposals to the Government under which some jobs may be maintained for a limited period by our manufacturing steel to put into stock for the next expansion that we believe will come next year, and I hope for an early conclusion on this.

3 The board believes that the relationship between the Government and the Corporation should be that each should work with the other with the prime objective of producing a steel industry in this country comparable in efficiency with the industries in other advanced industrial countries so that it may compete successfully to the benefit of its employees, its customers and the economy as a whole.

We have different pressures upon us. The Corporation is responsible for an industry with a long time scale: we are necessarily having to think about the shape of the industry, and each particular plant, ten years ahead. The Government is more obliged to deal with the pressures of today and the months and years immediately ahead, especially in a situation of rising unemployment.

Nevertheless, we consider that the relationship between the Government and the Corporation should rest squarely on the relevant statutes, expressing the will of Parliament. These provisions determine the basic powers of both the Secretary of State and of the Corporation. Experience has shown that some matters need to be further clarified if the relationship is to be expressed in terms of detailed procedures applicable to the practical issues that arise.

Ever since it was established, the Corporation has pressed for this clarification to be set down as far as possible in agreed written documents or guidelines. Considerable progress has been made in this direction though more remains to be done.

Many of the Corporation's views on this question of relationships with the Government are already on record as evidence given in inquiries conducted by the Select Committee on Nationalized Industries. The Corporation is very willing to give its detailed views as part of any further inquiry which Parliament or the Government may set up at any time, whether relating to the Corporation only or to nationalized industries as a whole.

4—The board considers that your final question is best answered by our record and future plans.

I should say first, though, that the present membership of the board includes two individuals with wide trade union experience and two others who work in major steel consuming industries. You are aware of my view that these elements of board membership could well be expanded to some extent without impairing the balance of experience of the board as a whole.

As to our relations with our employees, the Corporation believes that its machinery for joint consultation, and the use we make of it, more than complies, in letter and spirit, with the requirements of the Iron and Steel Act (which itself broke new ground). Our record shows that we have been active in involving employees at all levels in the work of the Corporation, and we are continuing in this direction—as you know from my long letter of March, 1974.

It was entirely on the Corporation's initiative that our scheme of employee directors was set up in 1969, long before the current debate on workers' involvement began. The scheme goes far beyond any statutory requirement. We introduced it with full union agreement and are continually improving it with their help. Our experience is that it has been useful but that it needs some years of continued attention to perfect any such arrangement.

It was also with considerable encouragement from the Corporation that the 17 main unions in the industry came together on nationalization to form the TUC Steel Industry Consultative Committee. We discuss with this committee, and with the unions at divisional and works levels, all major issues of substance—such as our long-term strategy, our five-year plans, our annual plans, our half year and full year results, our proposals for reorganization—and of course operating problems and issues of safety, health and welfare.

The existence of this committee has also given both the Corporation and its employees a piece of machinery making possible comprehensive negotiations on matters of common interest. Hours of work, pensions and sick pay have been handled in that forum, but recently the Corporation has taken the initiative in suggesting the formation of a National Joint Council, to strengthen our consultative and negotiating machinery further. Useful discussions about this proposal, and about other ways of promoting harmonious working relationships, are progressing with all the main unions concerned, through conferences, joint working parties, etc.

We shall naturally do our full part in implementing any new provisions which Parliament may enact in the future in the realm of workers' involvement.

An initial published objective of the Corporation which still obtains was that it should be a high pay/high productivity industry; but increased benefits agreed upon for our employees in negotiations through the present or future machinery must always be earned through increased efficiency of the industry's operations.

The board attaches great importance to increasing continually its responsiveness to its customers' needs. This is crucial because, unlike most other nationalized industries, the Corporation is faced with a directly competing United Kingdom private sector over much of its business, as well as with strong competition from overseas steel producers in both its home and export markets. We have frequent meetings not only with individual customers but with their representative bodies, and maintain close and constructive contact with the British Iron and Steel Consumers' Council.

The Corporation is content to be judged, as indeed it must be, by their own views of our responsiveness and we are always ready to consider sympathetically any proposals for improvement. We agree with them that our best service is to produce the qualities of steel they require at competitive costs through pressing on with modernization as quickly and effectively as possible.

We entirely agree with you that the relations between nationalized industries and sponsoring ministers should be maintained on a frank and open basis. Although relations are satisfactory on a number of fronts, we would welcome the further and fuller talks you envisage as a means of exploring the matter in greater depth than is possible in an exchange of letters.

Since the questions that you put to me have received wide publicity in the press, my board is sure that you will agree that we should release this reply to the press also. We proposed to do so for publication tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,
MONTY FINNISTON.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stronger trading sees 30 per cent interim jump at Central Mnfr

By Desmond Quigley

Pre-tax profits for the half year to January 31 at Central Manufacturing and Trading Group rose by 30.5 per cent to £1.86m, compared with £1.43m for the same period last year on turnover up 40.4 per cent at £22.8m from £16.2m.

Earnings per share are given at 5.3p against 3.8p. An interim gross dividend of 1.7p has been declared against 1.5p for the last interim and the board intends to declare a total dividend of 3.41p for the year compared with 3.03p.

The bright aspect of the first half is dramatically improved margins in the drop forging sector where profits rose from £55,000 to £159,000 on turnover up from £523,000 to £792,000. Margins also improved in all other sectors with the exception, predictably, of the steel stockholding and metal processing section where profits dipped from £813,000 to £715,000 despite a 26 per cent increase in turnover from £9m to £12.2m.

In his statement, Mr Norman Hickman, the chairman, says that it is not prudent to forecast earnings for the year at this stage, but believes that, with the group's wide spread of activities, the trading results will be satisfactory. The company believes there are signs that the steel situation has probably bottomed out. Interest charges rose by 60.7 per cent in the first half compared with last year to £336,000. The shares closed 2p down on the day at 64p.

Receiver appointed at Bacal Construction

By Terry Byland

A receiver has been appointed at Bacal Construction, the Northampton-based housebuilding and civil engineering group, whose shares were suspended on the Stock Exchange in March after the disclosure that interim losses of £951,000 had been under-stated.

The move follows further meetings between the board and Bacal's 17 bankers, who found themselves unable to support the group further without the presence and protection of a receiver, according to an announcement yesterday by the directors.

Mr Hugh Fraser, MP, remains as chairman, he accepted the appointment in March after the discovery of the losses.

The bankers took their decision in the light of the continued uncertainty about the current values and trading prospects. The board had put forward plans for a final development of the assets.

The prospects for shareholders will remain uncertain until there has been a thorough appraisal of the position of each company within the group.

Larkfold shares suspended for 'clarification'

Shares in Larkfold Holdings have been suspended at the request of the board, "pending clarification of the company's position". At 3p just before suspension, the shares had been as high at 11p at their best level.

Larkfold, formerly Demodera Tea, has traded as an investment company, with interests in property. In November, the board disclosed that the first six months of the year had seen a "substantial deterioration" in the group's position, but added that remediary steps had been taken. A loss of £384,000 had been run up by June 30 last year.

Granada to bid for balance of Barranquilla

Granada Group is to make a bid for the minority interests in Barranquilla Investments, its quoted property offshoot. Ahead of the formulation of terms for such a bid, the listing of Barranquilla's shares has been temporarily suspended at the company's request. But at the middle price of £25 a share last week, the company has a market value of some £21m.

Granada holds 64.3 per cent of the Barranquilla equity and Pearl Assurance a further 25.1 per cent. Granada is being advised by S G Warburg in the formulation of terms for the bid, and Barranquilla is being advised by Joseph Sebag.

Stock markets

Shares sharply lower

The London stock market made a depressing start to the new account yesterday. Two gloomy economic surveys and the general weakness of sterling sparked off a spate of early morning selling from which the market never recovered.

By 11 pm the *FT* index had slumped 15.2 and it is a measure of the subsequent cautiousness that at 3 pm it was still 14.8 off, the slight improvement being brought about by "bear closing". An additional factor was the market's current volatility with share prices moving very sharply on little business.

On the fixed-interest side gilts closed near the bottom. Here the general state of the pound and the trend to dearer money were the reasons for the bearish tone. The closing *FT* index stood at 315.0, down 15.7.

With first-quarter figure due on Friday Unilever has been a nervous share of late. The market is expecting profits of up to £50m pre-tax (£90.7m) and the shares closed 8p off at 353p.

Worst hit among the leaders with the additional problems of nationalization were Hawker Siddeley (down 14p to 272p), but ICI (233p), Beecham (254p), Glaxo (380p) and Bats (296p) all lost up to 8p. Banks staged something of a rally but still ended up to 7p down with Lloyds, at 216p, National Westminster 226p and Barclays 276p. Elsewhere in the financial sector Pearl led the retreat, losing 8p to 196p after circulation of its full accounts.

The bids front provided the very few firm spots which there were. Outstanding was Sheffield Twist where agreed terms from SKF, a Swedish group, boosted the shares 24p to 74p, against a bid price of 77½p. N. Greening (23p) and Cussons "A" (up 4p to 46p) were other firm spots, in the latter case following a further rejection of Paterson Zochonis.

Properties lacked support with Stock Conversion losing 14p to 172p and leading the way down. In spite of rumours of a Government boost for the housebuilding programme the building pitch did not go against the market trend. Marchwell gave up 5p to 80p, Mowlem 7p to 71p and Taylor Woodrow 8p to 272p. London Brick closed 5p easier at 46p.

Among companies reporting, Central Manufacturing lost 2p to 64p on results, Savoy "A" shaded a penny after the chairman's statement, while for a similar reason Tozer Kemsley lost 3p to 40p. Albright & Wilson also lost another 6p to 77p. Tarmac, with results due today, lost 6p to 159p, after 158p. Oils were very much in line with the rest of the market with BP (408p) and Shell (283p) giving up 9p and 10p respectively. Kaffirs were quiet and dull with losses of up to 75p, but platinums went against the trend as did Canadian North Sea issues.

After hours business remained very slack with movements in price mostly confined to a penny or two either way. Hawker Siddeley managed to recoup a little of its closing loss as did Tarmac. But banks went back another 3p and Corinthian Holdings weakened 10p on results.

The weakness of sterling and continuing alarm at present rates of inflation, combined with a feeling that the rise of minimum lending rate on Friday signalled the end of the fall in interest rates for the time being, depressed gilts. Trading tended to be one way with prices falling steadily from the opening.

Shares in Jessel Toynbee, which resisted last week's easier trend in discount house issues, dipped 11p to 62p yesterday after the annual report had warned that profits could be lower.

At one stage both "longs" and "shorts" were 1 point lower. But there was something of a recovery towards the close, which trimmed losses on the day to ¼ to ½ point in "shorts" and to ½ point in "longs".

Equity turnover on May 2 was £100.46m (24,266 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph active stocks yesterday were ICI, GKN new, Unilever, Marks & Spencer, Trafalgar House, Shell, GEC, EML Tarmac, Grand Metropolitan, Lubok Investments, Pearl Assurance, Land Securities.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies

Company (and par values)		Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Burndene Inv (5p)	Int	0.48	0.5	30/5	—	1.1
Central Mfg (10p)	Int	1.75	1.5	4/7	3.41*	3.03
Corinthian Hlgs (10p)	Fin	Nil	0.52	—	Nil	1.59
Monitor Hlgs (10p)	Int	0.52	0.5	6/6	—	0.5
Tartan McCaul (10p)	Fin	Nil	Nil	—	Nil	Nil
Deat Fownes (20p)	Fin	2.08	2.08	—	2.08	2.08

* Forecast.

Corinthian provisions set off £1m loss

Corinthian Holdings took hefty knock in 1974 with pro before provisions and tax tu bling from £1.15m to £242,0 Banking advances and dimi tion in the value of investme held for dealing almost doubl from £618,000 to £1.1m. Af the provisions, the group slic into a loss of £1m compar with a profit of £259,0 Further gloomy news is t passing of a dividend for year (against 1.59p).

The loss deepens to £1.5 (a profit of £147,000) after l on investments held on cap account (£246,000) and g will written-off (£241,000).

As can be expected, the sults of the merchant bank side reflects the tough econo going, but liquidity has b maintained and, on the brigh side, indications which point a recovery. Underpinning t a need for further substan provisions is not envisaged.

Overall results of its 64 cent-owned Tartan McCaul Britain and America now sh an upward trend, with pre- profit for 1974 up from £203, to £352,000. There is again dividend.

Curzon-Ben Turner

The proposed merger betw Cuzon Industrial Investme and Ben Turner & Son (He ings) is to be effected by e becoming wholly-owned shoots of a new holding c pany, Turner Curzon. On scheme becoming effective, second interim dividend of 0. net will be paid on Cur ordinary, and a 0.31p inter by Ben Turner—both to be p on July 31, the day before scheme should become eff tive.

Baxter Fell gloom

After a disappointing fi quarter, Baxter Fell & Co mi be unable to pull back su ciently to produce half-y figures comparable with preceding year's first six mon (£477,000 pre-tax). Mr D. Peacock, chairman, as yer c make no prediction on the fu time outcome. After an all-r attack on debtors and stock improve liquidity, plus the deferment on stock profits, group's liquid position already much improved.

Schlumberger record

Schlumberger, the Americ oilfields services and electro equipment manufacturer has ported a net profit increase 49 per cent and a rise of 35 p cent in revenue for the fir quarter of 1975.

Profit is a record $41.9m con pared with $28.1m last yea Revenue is $366.9m agains $272.0m. Earnings are 76 cent (51 cents) per share.

Irish Leathers dip

Pre-tax profit down fron £501,000 to £355,000 is re ported by Irish Leathers o sales up nearly £1m fro £13.39m to £14.29m. Earning per share come out at 4.1 compared with 6.2p. A div dend of 3.1p (3.42p) has alread been announced.

Burndene to go lower

On turnover down slightly by 3 per cent to £3.91m, pre-tax profit of Burndene Investments slipped by 8 per cent to £333,000 for the half-year to November 30. There is a debit for an extraordinary item of £151,000 (against nil) providing for the diminution of value of the investment in its associate company Peak Investments. For the full year, the board envisages an outcome of some £550,000 pre-tax, representing a drop of 25 per cent.

Earnings per share for the half were 1.9p compared with 2.1p, while the half-time payment is 0.52p against 0.5p.

In the preceding 12 months, including its share of Peak's loss for three months, Burndene's profits rose by 9 per cent to £736,000. Additionally there was also an extraordinary item relating to Peak for a £257,000 loss before it became an association in early March.

Gains by Martin-Black

Turnover and profits at Martin-Black, the Glasgow-based wire rope manufacturer, continue to advance in the early months of this year, Mr J. Arnold, the chairman, says in his annual report. The group disclosed in April a three-fold increase in pre-tax profits for 1974 to almost £1.4m.

Results for this year will benefit from increased output, and will include a full 12 months' production from the Coatbridge plant and from the new ropery in Edmonton, Canada, both of which came into production only progressively during 1974.

As known, the group intends to pay dividends totalling 4p a share for 1975 on the capital as increased by the rights issue, and has obtained Treasury permission for such payments. Dealings in the new shares (nil paid) commenced yesterday at 28p premium.

Mr Wilson's efforts in Jamaica fail to arouse the markets

By a Special Correspondent

It was the intention of the Prime Minister, Mr Harold Wilson, to take a major initiative on the problem of commodity prices at the Commonwealth conference in Kingston, Jamaica, last week. The text of his speech reflects this desire. Unfortunately, the ideas which he put forward sound rather tame in comparison.

In this context, Britain looks like an impoverished charity worker—more sympathetic than most, but with less to give away.

As one of the world's biggest importers of food and industrial raw materials, the more we concede in attempts to give producing countries a fair price for their commodities, the worse is the impact on our shaky balance of payments.

Mr Wilson seems to have been particularly anxious to discourage the idea of indexation, currently fashionable among the developing nations. This provides for commodity prices to be linked in some way to those of manufactured goods, as a way of overcoming the traditional grievance that more and more tea, rubber or coffee, has to be produced each year to pay for the same quantities of fertilizers, tractors or aircraft.

Superficially, the idea is attractive. In fact, its advocates might well argue that it embodies a principle of natural justice, which more than compensates for any flaws. But flaws there are.

The most important of these is that the price mechanism, however harshly it works on occasions, should serve the purpose of encouraging production at times of shortage, and discouraging it at times of surplus. The economics of producing different crops or minerals also varies according to the state of agricultural and mining technology.

Thus the effect of an automatic adjustment in the price of one commodity, reflecting an increase in the price of manufactured goods from the developed economies, could be to overstimulate production.

Admittedly, countries exercising a high degree of control over their internal economies can take some steps to overcome this problem. The internal price that Ghana pays to its farmers bears no relationship to the world price for cocoa, for instance. A few months ago, when cocoa was in very short supply and the price was at more than twice its present level, this was a matter for criticism within the trade.

If Ghana would only pay its farmers more, the argument went, there would be an immediate stimulus to greater productivity. For better or worse, however, the market has made its own adjustments. On the one hand, there appears to be a very big Brazil cocoa crop this year. On the other, the high price of cocoa (and sugar) in the past few months has depressed demand for confectionery and also encouraged the use of cocoa substitutes.

The result is that on Friday, Gill and Duffus, acknowledged as one of the most important sources of statistics on cocoa, said that it had adjusted upwards its forecast of the surplus emerging this year, from 46,000 tons to 102,000 tons, the biggest for a decade.

One can argue that a more stable price system would have offered advantages to both producer and consumer. Somewhere between the level of £1,250 a ton being quoted a year ago and the £525 of last week there must have been a price that would have a less depressing effect on demand. How one calculates the "correct" price, and whether, having done so, it should then be linked to the export prices of manufactured goods is another matter.

Interestingly, Jamaica—host to the Commonwealth conference—has adopted its own variation on indexation in the case of one of its key commodity exports, bauxite or aluminium ore. In an arrangement which it imposed last year on the north American aluminium companies, the price of bauxite was linked to the selling price for aluminium, which is itself a commodity.

Such a solution does not lend itself, however, to the agricultural crops. In fact, it could hardly have been introduced in the case of bauxite except that the major north American companies have a substantial capital investment on the island which they would not want to abandon.

Presumably it was tough action along these lines that Jamaica's Prime Minister, Mr Michael Manley, had in mind when he told the conference last week that associations of producer countries could be the instrument for a rational dialogue with the consumers "within the framework of a new economic order".

Failing that, they could become increasingly the instruments through which the third world took such unilateral action as was demanded by the cause of survival and equity. He favoured dialogue.

In turn, Mr Wilson said the British Government fully accepted that the relationship between the rich and poor countries was wrong and must be remedied, and that the wealth of the world must be redistributed in favour of the poverty stricken and the starving.

His proposals included recognizing the interdependence of producers and consumers; producers undertaking to maintain adequate supplies in return for improved access to markets; establishing the principle that prices should be equitable to consumers and remunerative to efficient producers; acknowledge the need to expand total production of essential foodstuffs; and encouraging efficient production and processing of commodities in the developing countries.

All of these ideas, he thought, might form part of a general agreement. It is difficult to see who would quarrel with them, but easy enough to recognize that the more militant would consider that they did not go far enough.

Commodities

Wall Street

New York, May 5.—On the New York Stock Exchange today stocks fell moderately near midday in what analysis described as a "digestion of past gains". At noon, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down by 3.75 points at 844.73.

Texas Instruments fell 5⅞ to $105½ after the semiconductor industry received bearish mention in a published report over the weekend. National Semiconductor lost a fraction and Motorola fell $4¼ to $53½.

HCN predicts opening slide

Scaling-down its commercial radio stake last year after pre-tax profits tumbled from £995,000 to £389,000, Home Counties Newspapers report that trading conditions remain "very difficult". Further, shareholders were told at the annual meeting yesterday that predictions for the opening half or full-time were out of the question.

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Extracts from the statement by the Chairman, Mr. David Jessel

- In view of the merger with Norman & Bennet Limited, comparisons are difficult, but the year has certainly been the most profitable in the company's history.
- We are showing a profit of £1,031,081 and are proposing that the final dividend should be increased by the maximum amount permitted by law to 12.5%. In addition to having increased our inner reserves by a substantial amount before striking a profit, we have also transferred £500,000 from published profit to inner reserves. As a result your company has entered the new financial year with its inner reserves in a very strong state.

	1975 £	1974 £
Capital and reserves	4,712,944	3,313,235
Loans and deposits, etc.	204,553,918	124,608,363
	£209,266,862	£127,921,598
Leasehold premises	84,000	84,700
Cash at bank and amounts receivable	368,764	490,881
Treasury, corporation and sterling and dollar commercial bills	122,594,136	57,943,346
Sterling certificates of deposit	28,889,895	33,394,954
US dollar certificates of deposit	19,897,090	12,577,712
Loans	—	300,000
British Government and corporation securities, local authority bonds and other investments	37,432,977	23,130,005
	£209,266,862	£127,921,598

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The following is an extract from the Annual Report ar Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1974 and from tl circulated Statement of the Chairman, Sir Rupert Speir.

Results: After a taxation charge of £510,479, Group N Profit for the year was £496,922, a decrease of £210,107 co pared with 1973. The Directors consider that a distributi should be made to shareholders of the maximum amount p mitted under present restrictive legislation.

Manufacturing Activities: During the period of the three-c week our ability to produce was severely restricted. When t production was resumed, demand was declining and accumulated a surplus stock of 18 million bricks. Producti and deliveries are now in balance and there are indications t surplus stocks will be largely absorbed before the end of year. Construction of the new £2½ million facing brick clay roofing tile works in North Humberside is well advanc

Merchanting Activities: Merchanting turnover, satisfact during the early months of the year, deteriorated to the ex that total sales were down by 7.3% and profit by 17. compared with 1973. Reductions in direct sales and in trade from home improvement work, caused the overh element of operational costs to erode our gross profit marg

Transport Companies: The new premises for our Trans Companies are contributing greatly to the efficiency of the ration and maintenance of our vehicles. In our domestic s we have introduced lorries of greater carrying capacity additional vehicles equipped with the Hulo mechanical l ing system.

Future Prospects: In the first quarter of 1975, we have trading profitably, but at a lower level than I would wished. Nevertheless, the available evidence suggests t revival of building is imminent, especially on Tees-Side should this materialise and be maintained, it could be po for us to show increased profits in 1975, over last year.

Salient Figures	1974	1
Turnover	£12,133,000	£12,672,
Profit before depreciation and tax	1,297,183	1,801,
Group net profit	496,922	707,
Dividends—		
Preference Shares	3,570	3
Ordinary Shares	182,354*	166

* The maximum permitted under the Counter-Inflation Legislation.
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Borrowings by the end of the year are expected to be substantially down but as a precaution the group's policy is to keep £1m spare at any one time. There will be no unduly high gearing.

Wright Bindley and Gell is advising shareholders to take no action in connexion with the Pentos offers for the ordinary shares and loan stock.

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Return to profit by Monitor Holidays

Shareholders in Monitor Holidays, formerly Warner Holidays, are to receive an interim dividend payment of 0.52p a share for the year to January 31, compared with an interim and only payment of 0.5p for the previous year.

Although there may be no final dividend for the year, the board says it intends to revert to "former distribution dates" as soon as possible.

A net profit of £64,000 after tax and extraordinary items was made in 1974-75. In the preceding year, a loss of £187,000 was returned

Less fruitful year likely for Jessel Toynbee

By Christopher Wilkins

Jessel Toynbee is not expecting that conditions will allow a repetition of the outstanding 1974 results, when profits of £1.03m were shown, Mr David Jessel, chairman and managing director of the discount house, says in his annual statement.

While there have been no fundamental changes in the rules and practices under which the discount market operates he says there are "several wheels" which are not running as smoothly as they might and no doubt the authorities would apply "further lubrication" when the time was opportune.

Describing 1974 as "the most profitable in the company's history", Mr Jessel says that throughout the year there had generally been a good margin between the yield on the short-term securities in which the company invested and the average cost of borrowed money.

Gross assets increased from £128m to £209m, mainly because of a substantial rise in Jessel's holdings of bills and promissory notes from £58m to £123m.

SOUTHEND STADIUM
Pre-tax profit for year to December 31, 1974, £102,088 (£82,658).

CIE DES MACHINES BULL
Net profit for 1974 19.6m francs (£1.92m) against 18.8m francs for 1973.

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Issues & Loans

The third rights offer success announced yesterday was Fothergill & Harvey's. Nearly 93 per cent of the 1,366,000 shares available at 53p a share was taken up, and the rest was sold on the market at a premium.

Barclays National under-applied for

Johannesburg, May 5.—Shares representing 40.2 per cent of the offer of 2,417,700 Barclays National Bank ICI ordinary shares have been subscribed for. The balance has been taken by the underwriters, who are institutional holders in Barclays.

It was a provision of the acquisition of Western Bank by Barclays National that Barclays National shareholders (other than Barclays International of the United Kingdom) would have the right to subscribe in cash for Barclays National "C" shares on the basis of 40 "C" for every 100 BN shares held.—Reuter.

FUTURA HOLDINGS
Pre-tax profit for year to December 28, 1974, £188,000 (£178,000).

Sugar falls by up to £14 a long ton

SUGAR futures moved irregularly around the day's "lows" during yesterday afternoon to finish £4.75 to £14.00 down on balance in sales of 3,567 lots.

A general short-covering interest appeared when near Aug reached £180 and some nervous covering was also prompted by lack of official confirmation to earlier market reports that the Dominican Republic would hold a raw sugar selling tender. But dealers noted that each time the market attempted to rally a good selling interest was attracted.

By the end of the morning session, values were £13.75 to £4.25 lower than Friday's 17.00 levels and sales totalled 1,930 lots.

The London daily price was fixed before the terminal decline gathered momentum and was left unchanged at £198 per long ton.

Earlier in the day, market reports that the Dominican Republic would be inviting bids for 150,000 tonnes of June/July/Aug shipment raws this week pushed futures to new "lows" for the current movement.

After a steady opening, widespread selling pushed near Aug down through £190, which had been a recent resistance level. Dealings then became rather thin as buyers withdrew quite sharply until profit-taking purchases halted the decline.

Aug, £183.00-2.60 a long ton; Oct, £174.00-8.00; Dec, £173.50-4.00; March, £168.50-72.50; May, £170.00-71.00; Aug, £168.00-8.50; Oct, £167.00-8.00. Sales, 3,567 lots. ISA prices (for May 2), 19.56c; 17-day average, 23.45c.

Commodities

COPPER.—Cash wire bars fell by £10.75 yesterday, while three months were down £9.50. Cash cathodes were £10.75 lower and three months £10.00 cheaper.

During the morning, the main depressant was the much bigger-than-expected rise in stocks last week, which brought the total to a record 215,850 tonnes. This, together with the quiet New York market on Friday and lack of outside buying interest caused selling which included chart and hedging operations.

During the afternoon the easier tone in New York prompted further liquidation and selling in London, including some European trade offerings, dealers said. Sales were 2,800 tonnes. Cathodes were inactive with only 50 tonnes traded.

COPPER.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £527.50-28.00 a metric ton; three months, £546-46.50. Sales, 2,800 tons. Cash cathodes, £517-18.00; three months, £535.50-36.00. Sales, 50 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £530.50-31.00; three months, £548.50-49.00. Settlement, £531.00. Sales, 5,175 tons (about half carries). Cash cathodes, £519-19.50; three months, £536.50-37.50. Settlement, £519.50. Sales, 300 tons.

SILVER was steady.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 184.00p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 430.4); three months, 188.90p (435.1c); six months, 194.40p (441.7c); one-year, 206.40p (456.6c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 183.7-84.0p; three months, 188.7-88.8p; seven months, 195-96.0p. Sales, 53 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 183.5-84.0p; three months, 188.5-88.7p; seven months, 195.95.5p. Settlement, 184.0p. Sales, 53 lots.

TIN.—Cash metal (standard) closed £13.00 lower and three months £15.00 cheaper. High-grade (cash) fell by £10.00, while three months was £15.00 cheaper. During the morning, the market tended to drift in line with the general trend in metals. The Contango moved out a little, but a restraining influence here was the presence of some influential demand for cash. Dealers also thought the buffer stock manager might have made a bid for cash high-grade metal. Stocks were in line with expectations.

TIN.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £2,957-62 a metric ton; three months, £2,994-96. Sales, 185 tons. High grade, Cash, £2,960-65; three months, £2,994-96. Sales, 400 tons (all carries). Morning.—Standard cash, £2,965-64; three months, £3,005-07. Settlement, £2,964. Sales, 775 tons. High grade, cash, £2,963-64; three months, £3,005-07. Settlement, £2,964. Sales, nil. Singapore tin ex-works SM935 a picul.

LEAD.—Cash metal fell by £4.75 and three months by £6.50.

Influential buying of cash in the morning, helped to offset the effects of a larger-than-expected rise in stocks last week. But it did not deter chartists and fresh selling further forward which was prompted by the trend in copper and other metals.

LEAD.—Afternoon.—Cash, £190-91.00 a metric ton; three months, £185.50-86.00. Sales, 1,825 tons. Morning.—Cash, £194.50-95.00; three months, £189.50-190.00. Settlement, £195.00. Sales, 1,950 tons (mainly carries).

ZINC.—Cash metal closed £6.25 lower and three months £4.50 down.—Afternoon.—Cash, £319-21.00 a metric ton; three months, £309-10.00. Sales, 775 tons. Morning.—Cash, £324-25.00; three months, £311.75-12.25. Settlement, £325.00. Sales, 3,125 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM fell by 75p to £61.00-£63.00 ($145-$148) a troy ounce.

JUTE quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, May-June, £244.00; Bangladesh white "D" grade, May-June, £234.00 per long ton. Calcutta steady.—Indian, May-June, Rs460; Dundee Daisee, May-June, Rs420 per bale of 400 lb.

WOOL.—Greasy futures were steady.—May, 156.0-61.0p per kilo; July, 160.0-62.0p; Oct, 166.0-67.0p; Dec, 168.0-70.0p; March, 173.5-75.0p; May, 175.5-79.0p; July, 177.0-84.0p; Oct, 182.0-87.0p. Sales, nil.

RUBBER was quiet.—June, 27.10-27.80p per kilo; July, 27.15-27.80p; July-Sept, 27.85-28.00p; Oct-Dec, 29.30-29.25p; Jan-March, 30.35-30.40p; April-June, 31.25-31.35p; July-Sept, 31.80-31.90p; Oct-Dec, 32.30-32.40p; Jan-March, 32.80-32.95p. Sales, 53 lots at 15 tonnes each.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were slightly easier.—Spot, 26.00-27.50p per kilo; Cifs, June, 25.75-26.00p; July, 26.25-26.60p.

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF.—Scotch killed sides, 33.0-37.0p per lb; English hindquarters (heavy), 44.0-46.0p; English forequarters, 26.0-27.0p; Ulster hindquarters, 44.0-46.0p; Ulster forequarters, 26.0-27.0p; Eire hindquarters, 43.5-45.0p; Eire forequarters, 25.0-26.0p.

VEAL.—English fats, 36.0-42.5p; *English fats, 44.0p; Scotch bobbies, 9.0-13.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 58.0p-63.0p; *Dutch hinds and ends, 64.0p.

LAMB.—English small New Season, 40.0-46.0p; English medium New Season, 40.0-44.0p; English heavy New Season, 40.0-42.0p.

Imported frozen: New Zealand D's, 29.0-30.0p; New Zealand 2's, 29.0-29.5p; New Zealand 8's, 28.0-28.0p; New Zealand YLs, 28.0-29.0p.

HOGGETS: English, 26.0-32.0p; *English, 34.0p; Scotch, 20.0-36.0p.

EWES: 12.0-13.0p.

PORK.—English, under 100 lb: 26.0-34.0p; 100-120lb, 26.0-33.0p; 120-160lb, 26.5-31.0p; 160-180lb, 25.0-27.5p; 180lb and over, 23.0-25.0p.

*Special quotations—very high quality produce in limited supply.

COFFEE.—During the afternoon, Robusta futures lost further ground under light miscellaneous selling prompted by the tone of the New York "C" contract and steady sterling against the dollar. The market closed £3.00 to £5.50 per tonne lower on balance in a turnover of 380 lots.

ROBUSTAS.—May, £385.0-7.0 per metric ton; July, £390.0-0.5; Sept, £387.0-8.0; Nov, £388.5-9.5; Jan, £391.0-2.0; March, £394.0-5.0; May, £396.0-8.5. Sales, 360 lots, including two options.

ARABICAS.—June, $55.0-55.20 per 50 kilos; Aug, $56.80-56.90; Oct, $56.60-86.90; Dec, $57.00-57.50; Feb, $57.40-57.90; April, $57.10-59.00; June, $57.50-59.60. Sales, nine lots.

COCOA.—Terminal prices declined further yesterday afternoon against a background of bearish fundamentals. Final levels were around newly established "lows" and showed on-balance losses ranging from £20.00 to £16.50 per tonne. (Limit rulings are not applicable at the final call.) The tone was easy.

COCOA.—May, £435.0-40.0 per metric ton; July, £452.0-54.0; Sept, £462.0-64.0; Dec, £486.5-87.0; March, £497.5-98.0; May, £499.0-501.0; July, £500.0-03.0; sales: 5,663 lots, including seven options. ICO prices, daily, 48.61c. 15-day average, 52.45c. 22-day, 55.02c (US cents per lb).

SOYABEAN MEAL closed steadier.—Aug, £66.20-66.50 per metric ton; Oct, £67.90-68.00; Dec, £68.90-69.10; Feb, £70.90-71.00; April, £71.90-72.20; June, £73.70-74.00; Aug, £75.40-75.90; sales: 78 lots.

TEA.—A total of 41,174 packages of North Indian and African teas was offered at yesterday's auction, the Tea-brokers' Association said. Assams, with improved demand, were generally 1p to 3p per kilo dearer. Dooars were often 1p lower. Best Africans did not always realise valuations, but others showed little change apart from plainer mediums which declined by 1p to 3p.

MARK LANE.—Activity was mainly confined to dealer-shortcovering at unchanged to slightly lower price levels yesterday. London purchased June delivery of Hagberg milling at £52.25 per long ton, July at £53 and October/December new-crop at £59.75. Liverpool paid £60.25 for September/December new-crop deliveries.

Current deliveries of denaturable wheat traded to East Anglia at £50 and £49.50 and July at £51.75 per long ton. East Anglia and London paid £51 per long ton for May deliveries of English feed barley.

The following are average sellers' quotations in sterling per long ton for delivery, London area. Wheat milling, May, £51.60. Denaturable, May, £49.50. Barley feed, May, £51.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—Sellers' prices for imported grains were generally unchanged yesterday but buying enquiry remained subdued. Optional maize met a limited offtake for July trans-shipment to the east coast United Kingdom and interest was also shown for spot shipment to the west coast. Other grains were neglected. WHEAT.—US dark northern spring No two 14 per cent, June, £80.25; July, £78.80 trans-shipment east coast. US hard winter No 2 13½ per cent, July, £61.20 direct shipment Tilbury. MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French, May, £51.50; June, £52.00; July, £53.00 trans-shipment east coast. BARLEY.—EEC feed, May, £49.75; June, £50.75 east coast. All a long ton, cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin. BARLEY quietly steady.—May, £49.05; Sept, £51.30; Nov, £53.10; Jan, £55.10; March, £57.00. WHEAT quietly steady.—May, £48.25; Sept, £53.40; Nov, £55.65; Jan, £57.70; March, £59.70. All a long ton.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's regional and UK average ex-farm spot prices for week ending May 1, 1975:

	Soft milling WHEAT	Feeding BARLEY
S East	£50.60	£49.85
S West	£48.75	£50.00
Eastern	£48.95	£49.95
E Midlands	£49.10	£49.45
W Midlands	£49.60	£49.70
N East	£49.70	£49.15
N West	£49.95	£50.55
Scotland	—	£47.40
United Kingdom	£49.25	£49.65

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Deelkraal Gold (R2†)	80 prem
Finance For Ind 13¼% n 1981 (£)	154½-¼
GLC 12¼% 1982 (£97¼b)	£7¾-¾
Kellock 10p Cnv Units	29
Lincoln Corp 13½% 1980 (£99¼)	£51½
Mid Southern Wtr 10% 1980 (†)	£106
Rank Org (140b)	86-5
Slough Ests 10% Cnv (100)	£141-4
Southend 12¾% 1981 (£99¼a)	£44
Sutton Wtr 10% Rd Pf 1980 (†)	£104½
Warwickshire 12¾% 1980 (£99¼b)	£10¼
Yorks Chem 12¼% Cnv (£100†)	£22 prem-3

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Ass Biscuit (32†)	June 6	39 prem-1
Aurora Hldgs (10†)	June 16	1 prem-¼
Barratt Dev (60)	May 23	95
Bestobell (88)	May 9	116-5
Bridon (85)	May 16	131-2
Con Gold Fields (185)	May 16	248-10
Croda Int (10)	May 30	61
Delta Metal (17½†)	June 6	11¼ prem-2¾
Fothergill and H (53)	May 23	72-2
Guardian Ryl (130)	May 23	183-5
GKN (58)	June 20	50 prem-11
Macpherson, D (25)	May 16	31-1
Martin Black (60†)		28 prem
Morgan Cruc (60†)	June 13	25½ prem-2¼
RollsR Motors (36)	May 27	52-1
Sketchley Ord (38)	May 16	59
Spirax-Sarco (77†)	June 6	30 prem-2
Steetley (80)	May 22	110-4
Tube Inv (190)	May 9	263-13
Unigate (39)	May 9	44¼-1½
W. Selection (23†)		6 prem

Issued price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. c £30 paid. f £50 paid. g £60 paid. h 70p paid.

Foreign Exchange

Sterling at fresh 'low'

The dollar closed generally weaker on the foreign exchanges yesterday compared with Friday's levels. Sterling established a new trade-weighted "low" against 10 key currencies.

Dealers said trading was thin with most market operators covering positions ahead of the International Forex Club meeting in Venice from May 8.

The dollar was unsettled by easier United States short-term interest rates and a forecast by Mr James Bodine, President of the First Pennsylvania Bank that United States prime rates could fall to 6.5 per cent from the present 7.5 per cent.

Sterling closed 40 points firmer against the dollar, at $2.3415, but lost ground generally against the Continental currencies.

The Bank of England "effective depreciation" rate widened to a record 23.3 per cent from the Friday level of 23.1 per cent.

The pound, which was quoted at $2.3340 in early dealings, drifted higher against the dollar for much of the session. Light Bank of England support in the morning was not ruled out by dealers.

The upturn in United Kingdom short-term interest rates and the possibility that the Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate might be raised again this Friday from its present 10 per cent, helped to support the pound.

The dollar closed against the mark at 2.3700-15 (2.3810-30), although the mark continued at the bottom of the European joint float, dealers noted.

The dollar was weaker against the Swiss franc at 2.5475-95 (2.5580-5610).

Gold fell $1.50 an ounce, at $153.75.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) May 5	Market rates (close) May 5
New York	$2.3330-3460	$2.3410-3420
Montreal	$2.3900-4060	$2.4045-4065
Amsterdam	5.65-67fl	5.65½-66½fl
Brussels	81.60-82.40f	81.95-82.15f
Copenhagen	12.90-95k	12.90½-91½k
Frankfurt	5.54-57m	5.54½-55½m
Lisbon	57.40-90e	57.60-80e
Madrid	131.20-80p	131.40-60p
Milan	1474-83lr	1477-79lr
Oslo	11.70-76k	11.70½-71½k
Paris	9.64-69f	9.64½-65½f
Stockholm	9.26-30k	9.26½-27½k
Tokyo	675-85y	680-85y
Vienna	39.10-60sch	39.20-40sch
Zurich	5.96-99f	5.96½-97½f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 up 0.2 to 23.3 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	1.47-1.37c prem	3.72-3.62c prem
Montreal	1.25-1.10c prem	3.20-3.10c prem
Amsterdam	4¼-3¼c prem	11-10c prem
Brussels	45-25c prem	105-85c prem
Copenhagen	4-3ore prem	10-7ore prem
Frankfurt	4½-3½pf prem	12-11pf prem
Lisbon	20c prem-10c disc	60c prem-120c disc
Milan	4½-1½lr prem	7-4lr prem
Oslo	4-3ore prem	7-6ore prem
Paris	5-4c prem	9-6c prem
Stockholm	3-1ore prem	6-4ore prem
Vienna	35-05gro prem	75-45gro prem
Zurich	5-4c prem	12½-11½c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), 50.97.34-37.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5-5½; seven days, 5¾-5¾; one month, 5¾-6; three months, 6¾-7; six months, 7¾-8¼.

Gold

Gold fixed, am $153½ (an ounce); pm $153¾. Krugerrand (per coin): $159½-201½ (£84-86). Sovereigns (new): $168-170 (£71-72½) (international). Sovereigns (old): $49-50½ (£20¾-21½). (new) $51½-53 (£22-22½) (international).

Discount market

The week started quietly yesterday for the discount houses. Rates opened in the range of 9 to 8½ per cent. Balances generally moved with bids in the area of 8½ to 8½ per cent and the close found most books balanced with money taken between 8 and 9 per cent.

There was obviously a small surplus and the authorities found no reason to intervene.

Opposing factors were well matched and all in small figures. In the market's favour was the small sum for balances brought across the weekend by the banks. Against the market was the combination of Treasury bill take-up and excess of revenue transfers over Exchequer disbursements.

UK metal stocks

Stocks in London Metal Exchange official warehouses at the end of last week (in tonnes unless stated):

Copper rose by 12,250 to 215,850; Tin fell by 80 to 5,655; Lead rose by 3,000 to 37,525; Zinc rose by 1,350 to 14,400; Silver fell by 450,000 to 12,200,000 troy ounces.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 10% (Last changed 2/5/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 9½%
Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: Open 9¼ Close 8
Week Fixed 8¾-9

Treasury Bills (Dis %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9¼	2 months	9¼
3 months	9¾	3 months	9¾

Prime Bank Bills (Dis %) / Trades (Dis %)

2 month	10-9¾	3 months	11
3 months	10-9¾	4 months	11½
4 months	10¼-10	6 months	11½
6 months	10½-10		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	11-10½	7 months	11-10½
2 months	11-10½	8 months	11-10½
3 months	11-10½	9 months	12¼-11¾
4 months	11-10½	10 months	12¼-11¾
5 months	11-10½	11 months	12¼-11¾
6 months	11-10½	12 months	12¼-11¾

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	9¾-9¾	6 months	10⅝-10⁷⁄₁₆
3 months	10⅛-10⅛	12 months	11½-11⅜

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	9	3 months	9¾-10
7 days	9¼-9½	6 months	10¼
1 month	9½-9¾	1 year	12¼-12½

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 9 Close 7

1 week	9¼-9	6 months	10¼-10⅜
1 month	9¾	9 months	11¼
3 months	10½-10¼	12 months	11¾

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)
3 months 11¼ 6 months 11¾

Finance House Base Rate 10½%

...rices (midday indicators)

	Bid	Offer		Bid	Offer
	102¾	103¾	Union Oil 7¼ 1987	89	90
	85	88	Venezuela 8¼ 1987	93¼	95¼
	89¼	90¼	Volvo 8 1987	87½	88½
	68	72	Wm Glyns 8¼ 1987	81	84
	92	94	DM BONDS		
...p 8¼	86	89	APEL (DM) 10 1981	104¼	105¼
...87	87¼	88¼	Charter (DM) 6¼ 1968/83	82	83
	88¼	89¼	Courtaulds (DM) 6¼ 1969/84	81¼	82¼
	96¼	98	Denmark (DM) 9¼ 1989	100¼	101¼
	96	97¼	Escom (DM) 7 1973/88	74¼	75¼
	94¼	95¼	Goodyear (DM) 6¼ 1972/87	85	86
...91	82¼	83¼	ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	92	93
	93	95	Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9¼ 1980	103	104
	90¼	92¼	Nat West (DM) 8 1988	87¼	88¼
... 1988	89	90	New Zealand (DM) 9¼ 1982	104	105
... 1981	102¼	103¼	Suedafrika (DM) 8¼ 1970/85	92	93
...1987	90¼	91¼	Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¼ 1988	89¼	90¼
	89¼	90¼	$ CONVERTIBLES		
...m 7¼	83	84	AMP 5 1987	60	62
...ank 7¼	80	81	American Express 4¼ 1987	81	83
	93	95	Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	84	86
	90	92	Beatrice Foods 6¼ 1991	103	105
...to 1982	96¼	97¼	Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1993	95	97
...980	94	95	Borden 5 1992	78	80
...ia 7¼			Borden 6¼ 1991	100¼	102¼
	80	84	Broadway Hale 4¼ 1987	68	70
	87¼	88¼	Carnation 4 1987	86	88
...8 1987	76	79	Chevron 5 1988	89	91
...7	78	81	Cummins 5 1986	82	84
	78	81	Dart 4¼ 1987	80	82
...¼ 1982	95	96	Eastman Kodak 4¼ 1988	116	118
...ias 7¼			Economic Labs 4¼ 1987	81	83
	73	76	Eaton 5 1987	67	69
...981	88¼	90¼	Ford 5 1988	72	74
	84	87	Ford 6 1986	81	83
...8	83	85	Gillette 4¼ 1987	78	80
...9	93¼	94¼	Gould 5 1987	79	81
	90¼	91¼	General Electric 4¼ 1987	82	84
...¼ 1987	75¼	76¼	Halliburton 4¼ 1987	124	126
...ard 8¼	86	89	Harris 5 1987	67	69
...10¼	102¼	103¼	Honeywell 6 1986	75	76
...1987	87¼	88¼	ITT 4¼ 1987	69	71
...84	81	83	J Ray McDermott 4¼ 1987	121	123
...8 1988	89¼	90¼	J P Morgan 4¼ 1987	123	125
...¼ 1981	100¼	101¼	Nabisco 5¼ 1988	87	89
...7	88	89¼	Owens Illinois 4¼ 1987	85	87
...¼ 1987	88	89	J C Penney 4¼ 1987	88	90
...0	84¼	85¼	Revlon 4¼ 1987	99	101
...8	93¼	94¼	Rank Org 4¼ 1993	42	44
	89¼	90¼	Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	94	96
	101	102	Squibb 4¼ 1987	85	87
...¼ 1981	103	104	Texaco 4¼ 1988	69¼	71¼
	65	67	Union Carbide 4¼ 1982	115¼	117¼
...987	81	85	Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	83	85
... 1980	100	101	Xerox Corp 5 1988	74	76
... 1988	97	98			
... 1988	97¼	98¼			
...7	90	91			
...7	82¼	83¼			
...7	82¼	83¼			
...¼ 1987	90	91			
...7 1980	96	97¼			

DM=Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Appointments

...ey Building Society ...s change at the top

...G. W. Cooper will ...chairmanship of the ...ing Society on June ...be succeeded by Mr ...rth who retired from ...ce as general mana-... and is now vice-...Cooper will remain ...as vice-chairman. ...lsen has resigned as ...Patent Industrial ... ...L. Keswick, Mr J. A. Swire and Sir Philip de Zulueta have joined the board of the British Bank of the Middle East.

Mr J. A. W. Castle and B. R. Perry have been appointed directors of Hogg Robinson Transport.

Mr Geoffrey Barnett has become general manager of the new Singapore branch office of Baring Sanwa Multinational.

On his retirement as chief executive of Hughes-Gibb and Company, Mr A. F. Hughes-Gibb will remain on the board as honorary president. Mr R. J. McCreery becomes chairman and Mr R. W. Barklam managing director. In addition Mr C. B. Slater and Mr C. J. Hodgson have joined the board.

Mr Peter W. J. Cresswell is now a director of Bradstock, Blunt and Thompson (Marine).

Mr R. T. Davies, has been appointed to the board of the J. E. Lesser Group of Hounslow.

Mr E. O. Crawford has joined the board of Oceana Development Investment Trust.

Miss Mary Goss-Custard has become a director of Kiernan and Company (UK).

Mr F. A. Shasha has been made a director of Edinburgh Industrial Holdings.

Mr Arthur Nelson has resigned from the board of Whessoe.

Mr P. Ainley has retired as a director of George Wimpey and Co, and Sir Charles Wheeler is retiring as a director on May 8.

Mr Raymond Davey has joined the board of Angel Toy group.

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... Bank	9½%
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... Trust	11½%
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... & Glyn's	9½%

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...75 ...ow	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
...5	Armitage & Rhodes	45	—1	3.0	6.7	5.0
...0	Henry Sykes	123	—	4.9	4.0	8.2
...9	Twinlock Ord	33	—	0.8	2.6	7.7
...5	Twinlock 12% ULS	61	—	12.0	19.7	—

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorised Unit Trusts

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd, Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 9775			
32.2	20.5	Giants	30.6	32.4	4.30
33.6	21.7	Do Accum	32.0	33.8	4.30
29.1	18.2	Growth	27.2	28.8	4.30
30.5	19.0	Do Accum	28.6	30.4	4.30
30.1	19.7	Income	28.4	30.6	8.20
32.3	23.4	Do Accum	31.4	33.6	8.20
22.9	15.6	East & Int Acc	19.8	20.8	2.70
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers, 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
21.5	10.8	Abbey Capital	19.6	20.9	4.27
35.1	19.2	Abbey General	30.7	32.7	3.91
23.5	11.0	Do Income	22.1	23.5	6.07
33.9	13.4	Do Invest	23.8	25.3	3.83
		Albea Trust Managers Ltd, 24 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2. 01-588 6371			
60.3	33.1	Albea Trst*	59.2	59.4	4.10
44.6	24.3	Do Income*	43.3	46.8	4.11
		Allied Hambro Group, Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
52.1	30.1	Allied Capital	46.9	50.1	5.87
49.8	31.4	Do 1st	45.9	48.7	5.49
48.4	29.0	Brit Ind 2nd	45.0	48.1	6.19
27.7	16.3	Growth & Inc	25.0	26.7	5.91
24.3	14.5	Elec & Ind Dev	21.3	22.8	6.21
35.1	24.3	Met Min & Cmdty	32.6	34.9	5.99
46.5	29.1	High Income	41.6	44.6	6.75
27.8	16.4	Equity Income	24.7	26.4	7.10
23.3	14.1	International	22.1	23.6	2.20
37.9	25.0	High Yield Fnd	36.1	39.3	9.54
79.0	43.6	Hambro Fnd	72.7	77.7	5.72
38.7	25.1	Do Income	34.1	36.5	7.49
81.5	44.3	Do Recovery	74.9	80.0	7.31
19.1	9.9	Do Smaller	15.3	16.4	7.04
20.0	13.6	Do Accum	18.8	20.1	5.04
20.8	12.2	2nd Smaller	19.4	20.8	4.08
42.5	30.4	Secs of America	41.8	44.6	3.03
122.1	83.5	Exempt Fnd	122.1	130.5	5.83
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd, 252-6 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5544			
29.2	25.0	Unicorn Amer	28.2	30.2	2.90
68.4	35.7	Aust Income	48.2	52.1	3.60
79.6	42.2	Do Accum	57.8	62.4	3.60
57.8	27.6	Unicorn Capital	50.5	54.0	4.37
62.4	30.2	Exempt*	55.8	60.2	6.19
19.1	11.1	Extra Income	17.9	19.0	9.09
50.5	22.4	Financial	47.3	50.6	4.12
49.3	26.4	Unicorn '500'	42.8	45.8	6.75
24.1	12.0	General	22.0	23.5	6.04
29.6	14.9	Growth Accum	27.0	28.9	5.04
54.2	30.0	Income	50.2	53.4	7.18
24.7	14.0	Recovery	23.3	24.8	6.24
82.4	44.7	Trustee	77.5	82.4	6.39
46.0	32.4	Worldwide	44.4	47.5	3.09
132.4	96.7	B'ist Inv Fnd	131.5	135.6	5.87
134.4	97.2	Do Accum	134.4	138.6	5.87
		Brandts Ltd, 36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6599			
107.0	85.0	Brandts Cap (4)	101.0	108.0	3.18
111.0	81.0	Do Accum (4)	110.0	117.0	1.85
106.0	75.0	Brandts Inc (4)	103.0	109.0	8.07
		Bridge Talisman Fund Manager Ltd, 5-8 Mincing Lane, EC2. 01-623 4951			
198.0	76.0	B.T. Income (3)	167.0	178.0	8.83
27.4	16.0	Do Cap Inc (2)	26.6	28.3	2.31
27.4	16.0	Do Cap Acc (2)	26.8	28.6	2.31
88.0	51.0	Do Exempt (2)	82.0	88.0	8.30
20.8	9.3	Do Int Inc (3)	12.1	12.9	5.09
20.6	9.3	Do Int Acc	12.3	13.1	5.09
		The British Life, Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
40.0	22.1	British Life	36.5	39.0	5.72
28.6	17.7	Balanced (2)	26.8	28.7	5.04
30.9	18.1	Cap Accum (2)	30.6	32.4	5.46
34.9	19.9	Dividend (2)	27.3	29.1	9.34
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers, Founder's Court, Lothbury, EC2. 01-600 8520			
143.7	108.1	Brn Ship Inc (1)	136.8	141.6	6.20
163.4	116.9	Do Accum (1)	155.7	160.7	6.20
		Canada Life Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 6 Charles II St, London, SW1. 01-930 6132			
26.5	15.9	Canlife Gen	25.0	26.3	4.60
29.5	17.1	Do Accum	27.4	29.1	4.60
24.2	17.1	Income Dist	22.7	23.9	8.16
27.0	19.1	Do Accum	28.2	28.8	8.16
		Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd, Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 0632 21165			
62.1	34.6	Carliol (8)	58.8	61.3	3.42
64.5	37.4	Do Accum	64.5	67.0	3.42
		Charities Official Investment, 77 London Wall, London, EC2. 01-588 1815			
118.5	59.3	Inc* (24)	87.7	..	7.27
180.5	79.6	Accum* (24)	128.8	..	5.90
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd, 1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4. 01-248 3999			
18.6	12.2	Int (3)	16.8	18.0	2.42
20.0	13.6	Do Accum (3)	18.4	19.6	2.42
31.0	20.2	Inc (3)	27.2	29.0	8.82
28.8	13.4	Euro Fin (3)	26.3	28.0	2.48
27.8	13.0	Fund Inv (3)	27.8	29.6	2.46
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh. 031-226 4931			
25.6	8.9	Growth Fnd	17.2	18.4	5.19
39.0	23.9	International	38.5	41.3	2.17
31.1	19.7	Reserves Fnd	28.4	30.7	4.87
34.3	18.0	High Dist	31.1	33.4	7.89
		Drayton Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 42/45 South St, Eastbourne. 0323 36711			
68.9	39.1	Commodity	58.0	60.3	5.04
31.3	17.4	Growth	30.0	32.0	2.70
25.5	13.0	Drayton Capital	22.5	23.9	3.24
34.5	22.4	Drayton Inc	32.3	34.4	8.70
43.7	29.0	International	43.3	46.0	2.30
		Equitas Securities Ltd, 41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 02774 68169			
53.4	28.6	Progressive	46.1	48.3	5.15
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd, Amersham Rd, H Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 32815			
44.7	22.3	Equity & Law	41.6	44.2	4.87
		Framlington Unit Trust Management Ltd, Framlington Hse, 5-7 Ireland Yd, EC4. 01-248 6871			
51.0	28.4	Capital	45.2	48.0	5.40
45.4	24.0	Income	44.0	46.6	6.73
		Friend's Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 7 Leadenhall St, London, EC3. 01-626 4511			
27.3	12.9	Friends Prov	24.6	26.3	4.84
31.1	14.6	Do Accum	28.6	30.5	4.84
		Funds in Court, Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2. 01-405 4300			
85.0	46.0	Capital*	81.0	83.0	4.75
62.0	40.9	Gross Income*	62.0	63.0	7.94
71.0	43.0	High Yield*	67.0	71.0	8.20
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
25.6	13.6	G & A	21.4	22.9	5.71
		G.T. Unit Managers Ltd, 16 St Martin's-le-Grand, EC1. 01-600 9461 Ext 13			
59.3	34.0	GT Cap	58.4	62.1	3.40
66.7	38.8	Do Accum	65.4	69.6	3.10
99.5	72.2	Do Income	98.8	105.4	6.70
144.2	94.6	Do US Gen Fnd	144.2	153.3	1.00
153.3	94.6	Do Japan Gen	153.3	163.0	1.00
		Gartmore Fund Managers, 2 St Mary Axe, EC3A 8BP. 01-283 3531			
34.3	22.7	Gartmore Brit	31.3	34.2	4.91
29.7	22.1	Do High Inc	28.7	29.7	12.20
28.5	19.8	Do Overseas	25.4	27.3	2.33
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd, Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-881 1031			
65.3	31.5	Guardhill	59.5	61.5	5.10
		Henderson Administration, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300 / 11 Austin Friars, London, EC2N 2ED			
48.5	30.0	Aim Trst	33.4	35.6	5.01
64.6	38.3	Cabot	62.3	66.0	4.90
35.4	20.6	Cap Accum	29.9	32.5	4.44
38.1	25.7	European	35.9	38.2	3.10
43.9	26.2	Far East Trst	42.8	45.8	1.72
36.1	21.8	Financial	24.0	25.6	6.27
127.5	80.5	Henderson Gr*	97.0	100.0	2.94
37.0	23.0	High Income	32.0	34.1	10.05
22.2	14.6	Inc & Assets	20.6	22.9	6.53
27.0	17.2	International	21.1	22.6	3.44
20.9	12.0	Inv Trst	20.2	22.4	4.37
40.6	21.0	Nth American	35.9	39.1	3.27
34.4	19.6	Oil & Nat Res	23.4	24.9	5.05
83.0	58.3	Pers Portfolio	77.9	81.0	5.41
83.0	44.3	World Wide	59.2	63.0	4.33
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 45 Beech St, EC2 P2EX. 01-628 8011			
52.6	36.1	Dollar	52.6	56.3	1.34
28.7	19.8	International	28.4	30.4	2.75
113.6	82.6	Brit Trst	104.9	112.2	5.18
113.6	82.6	Brit Guernsey	104.9	112.2	3.37
21.5	9.2	Cap	20.0	21.5	5.51
78.3	38.1	Fin Trst	74.1	79.3	4.11
13.1	8.8	Inc Trst	17.5	18.8	7.48
19.7	10.4	High Yield	18.3	19.6	8.62
38.8	19.1	Secs Trst	35.6	38.1	4.94
		Jascot Securities Ltd, 21 Young St, Edinburgh. 031-225 6762			
25.3	12.5	Compound (1)	20.8	22.5	10.99
25.3	14.1	Do Accum (1)	24.6	26.1	10.99
24.2	12.7	8% Wdraw (1)	21.1	22.9	..
23.9	17.4	Preference	20.6	21.6	14.79
25.6	19.6	Do Accum	23.6	24.6	14.79
18.0	9.6	Cap (5)	16.0	17.0	..
26.2	11.1	Aus Comp Fnd	11.9	13.1	7.00
23.4	10.6	6% W'draw	10.9	12.1	..
25.7	14.8	Sector Ldrs (3)	21.1	23.0	3.73
16.4	8.3	Fin & Prop (3)	16.2	17.6	3.80
30.5	20.5	Int Growth (4)	29.4	31.6	2.51
23.8	13.1	Nth Sea (3)	17.4	19.0	3.87
36.6	22.5	Commodity (5)	36.4	38.4	7.03
45.1	28.0	Do Accum (5)	44.7	48.5	7.05
38.5	24.1	10½% W'draw (5)	35.5	38.0	..
		Key Fund Managers, 25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE. 01-606 7070			
56.5	31.7	Cap Fund	50.9	54.1	4.40
79.7	48.1	Exempt Fnd (36)	62.4	66.3	..
55.8	32.7	Inc Fnd	51.9	55.2	8.77
74.2	41.5	KPIF	59.9	63.3	4.47
		Lawson Securities, 63 George Street, Edinburgh. 031-226 3911			
34.0	18.6	American Fnd	33.4	35.4	1.84
28.8	21.4	Gilt & Warrant	37.4	39.9	1.74
113.8	81.8	High Yield Fnd	107.0	116.0	13.10
120.1	84.1	Do Accum	116.3	126.3	13.10
68.3	47.5	Scottish Bea	63.9	68.9	4.80
		Legal & General Tyndall Fund, 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
46.4	33.6	Dist	38.8	39.0	6.62
49.4	36.2	Accum	41.2	43.6	6.62
		Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers, 71 Lombard Street, London, EC3. 01-626 1500			
37.4	18.5	1st Inc	33.1	35.5	3.25
45.1	22.6	Do Accum	41.0	44.0	3.25
41.4	30.7	2nd Inc	39.7	42.7	3.71
47.8	23.9	Do Accum	45.7	49.1	3.71
59.2	32.5	3rd Inc	54.7	58.8	7.46
70.5	37.9	Do Accum	65.3	70.1	7.46
		M & G Securities, Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
128.5	76.7	M & G General	124.4	133.1	5.44
173.6	103.9	Do Accum	168.6	180.4	5.44
118.9	74.1	2nd Gen	115.3	123.4	5.03
159.2	95.5	Do Accum	154.6	163.9	5.03
96.6	52.0	Mid & Gen	85.0	90.1	7.28
128.0	72.1	Do Accum	120.5	127.7	7.28
74.9	38.8	Div Fnd	72.1	76.4	8.82
117.3	60.8	Do Accum	112.9	119.7	8.82
101.5	59.2	Special Trst	83.4	88.4	5.08
110.6	66.3	Do Accum	95.3	101.0	5.08
239.0	86.2	Magnum Fnd	175.0	153.7	4.34
262.7	148.2	Do Accum	201.0	211.0	4.34
48.2	26.9	FITS	46.7	49.5	3.30
52.1	29.5	Do Accum	52.1	55.2	3.30
79.9	48.9	Compound	79.9	73.1	3.40
118.0	71.0	Recovery	112.7	119.5	7.71
49.2	24.3	Extra Yield	47.3	50.1	9.70
54.8	26.9	Do Accum	52.7	55.3	9.70
108.9	68.9	Japan	99.9	106.4	0.59
52.8	36.4	Euro & Gen	43.8	46.7	2.50
31.8	18.8	American & Gen	31.8	33.9	2.09
64.5	26.8	Australasian	46.1	48.9	2.53
44.1	20.9	Far East Inc	37.0	39.4	2.76
44.1	22.2	Do Accum	37.7	40.1	2.76
97.0	53.3	Trustee Fnd	92.5	98.5	6.78
155.1	86.2	Do Accum	149.3	158.9	6.78
107.7	58.9	Charifund* (2)	107.7	108.6	7.65
91.1	52.5	Pension* (1)	89.6	94.5	5.79
33.6	19.3	NAACIP	29.4	..	11.56
74.4	47.0	Do Accum	74.0	..	11.84
41.3	30.6	M&GConv	40.9	43.4	1.63
52.9	32.4	Clyde Gen	50.4	53.4	5.56
64.4	39.1	Do Accum	62.7	66.5	5.56
55.9	33.0	Clyde High Inc	54.2	57.5	10.84
74.1	43.7	Do Accum	71.9	76.2	10.84
		National Provident Inv Managers Ltd, 48 Gracechurch Street, EC3. 01-623 4200			
37.6	29.1	NPI Accum (15)	37.6	40.1	4.40
34.6	19.1	Do Dist (15)	34.6	36.9	4.40
116.1	108.8	Do O'seas Acc	116.1	122.9	4.00
116.1	108.8	Do O'seas Dis	116.1	122.9	4.00
		National Westminster Unit Trust Managers, 41 Lothbury, London, EC2P 2BP. 01-537 8044			
51.6	30.8	Capital	49.8	52.2	3.44
28.5	14.5	Income	26.5	28.3	5.71
34.6	19.9	Financial	32.9	35.1	3.55
78.3	45.9	Growth	72.3	77.2	4.19
		New Court Fund Managers Ltd, 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
144.0	113.0	Equity	124.0	131.0	3.67
118.5	77.4	Income Fund	107.9	114.7	6.52
99.5	80.9	International	86.1	91.5	2.16
95.3	76.9	Smaller Co's	89.1	94.7	4.55
		Norwich Union Insurance Group, PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
194.8	96.4	Grp Tst Fnd (3)	190.1	199.1	6.61
		Oceanic Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 3-5 Norwich Street, EC4. 01-831 6212			
38.8	24.6	Financial	35.7	38.0	4.64
20.8	12.8	General	16.4	17.4	4.08
36.1	20.8	Growth	26.6	28.4	6.04
38.3	18.9	Do Accum	24.4	25.9	6.04
23.4	14.8	High Income	19.4	20.6	9.96
23.3	13.5	Investment	17.9	19.0	5.08
38.4	19.3	Overseas	23.5	24.9	3.82
41.1	27.9	Performance	37.7	40.1	5.13
20.0	13.3	Progressive	18.4	19.6	6.88
20.7	12.6	Recovery	19.1	20.3	6.78
		Pearl-Monteagu Trust Managers Ltd, 114 Old Broad St, GPO Box 525, EC2. 01-588 6464			
19.8	10.2	Growth	17.2	18.0	4.43
20.3	10.8	Do Accum	18.7	20.2	4.43
25.5	13.3	Income	20.8	22.4	6.97
27.1	16.1	Trust	25.3	27.8	4.16
31.8	17.8	Do Accum	29.7	32.0	4.16
		Pelican Unit Administration, 81 Fountain Street, Manchester. 061-236 5885			
55.4	30.2	Pelican	50.3	53.5	5.76
		Piccadilly Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 1 Love Lane, London, EC2. 01-606 8744			
31.0	21.7	Inc & Growth	27.8	30.1	5.25
33.8	20.8	Extra Inc	24.9	27.4	10.00
		Portfolio Fund Managers Ltd, 10 Charterhouse Sq, London, EC1. 01-251 6844			
68.3	27.5	Portfolio Cap	40.3	44.2	5.65
73.9	32.2	Grwth With Inc	51.4	56.4	7.98
41.6	16.8	Private Port	26.8	29.5	4.23
64.6	33.7	Shenley Port	55.3	60.0	4.16
		Practical Investment Co Ltd, Europa Hse, World Tr Centre, E1. 01-623 8893			
109.3	60.1	Pract Inc (3)	109.3	118.6	3.40
141.4	76.6	Do Accum (3)	141.4	153.8	3.40
		Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd, 22 Bishopsgate, EC2. 01-247 6533			
61.4	39.9	Prolific	59.9	64.9	3.81
72.1	40.1	Do High Inc	64.9	69.6	7.73
		Prudential Unit Trust Managers, Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
90.5	46.5	Prudential	76.5	81.0	4.98
		Reliance Unit Managers Ltd, Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
37.2	23.6	Opp Accum (3)	36.8	38.9	6.29
		Save & Prosper Group, 4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-588 1717. Dealings to 01-554 8899. Erskine Hse, 68-73 Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NX. 031-226 7351			
		Ebor Securities			
52.6	34.8	Universal Grwth	52.6	56.2	1.77
42.5	22.7	Capital Accum	39.2	41.9	5.41
41.9	22.0	General	35.0	37.4	5.00
40.1	21.9	High Return	36.2	38.7	8.86
62.3	41.0	Commodity	55.2	58.9	5.74
54.1	31.6	Energy	47.3	50.5	2.68
35.0	29.3	Financial	31.0	33.1	4.16
42.7	22.7	Prop & Build	38.8	41.4	3.48
35.8	44.1	Select Grwth (9)	78.1	81.0	1.80
72.3	37.6	Select Inc (9)	69.3	72.3	7.36
187.6	133.5	Comm Pen (3)	168.1	179.4	5.78
		Save & Prosper Securities Ltd			
29.6	17.1	Capital	25.7	27.5	3.14
64.3	36.9	Financial Secs	57.8	61.7	2.98
22.0	19.8	Investment	20.4	21.8	3.60
16.0	10.9	Euro Growth	15.0	16.1	1.34
61.6	42.5	Japan Growth	67.7	72.9	1.39
67.3	43.7	US Growth	64.1	68.4	1.16
34.4	18.2	General	30.6	32.7	4.74
41.7	22.7	High Yield	37.4	39.8	8.57
32.8	19.2	Income	30.3	32.5	7.92
		Scotbits Securities Ltd			
42.3	22.1	Scotbits	32.2	34.4	4.55
39.1	22.1	Scotyields	35.9	38.3	6.97
43.5	24.6	Scotgrowth	37.9	40.5	4.47
43.4	22.2	Scotshares	35.9	38.3	4.14
219.0	138.5	Scotfunds	197.1	205.9	1.57
30.1	20.4	Scotincome	34.4	36.7	7.22
		Henry Schroder Wagg & Co Ltd, 120 Cheapside, London, EC2. 01-248 6252			
83.8	40.1	Capital (16)	73.9	76.5	3.33
90.1	44.8	Do Accum	82.7	85.6	3.33
103.3	55.2	Income (16)	103.3	107.0	7.56
129.3	69.3	Do Accum	129.2	133.9	7.56
50.7	24.0	General (3)	46.3	48.2	4.87
55.9	26.7	Do Accum	52.5	54.6	4.67
42.9	27.0	Europe (18)	32.8	34.8	2.85
43.3	26.5	Do Accum	34.2	36.3	2.85
		Scottish Equitable Fund Managers Ltd, 28 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh. 031-556 9101			
36.6	25.0	Equitable	35.5	37.8	6.30
		Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd / Jessel Britannia Group, 47-57 Gresham St, London, EC2. 01-600 4747			
68.1	40.1	Brit Comm Plus	58.2	62.6	5.76
33.1	18.9	Do General	27.2	29.2	5.50
41.0	29.2	Extra Income	26.3	28.3	10.27
26.9	18.1	High Income	22.4	24.1	11.10
40.0	21.3	Jessel Capital	29.0	31.2	5.83
51.5	16.4	Do City of Ldn	35.0	38.3	5.60
53.1	38.2	Do Global	51.2	55.2	3.57
171.8	132.5	Do Gold & G	128.7	137.7	4.99
47.6	27.6	Do Income	41.3	44.4	7.51
24.6	15.3	Do Invest	23.0	25.1	4.30
37.5	20.2	Do New Issue	25.9	27.8	5.34
19.7	8.9	Do Prop & G	12.3	13.9	3.20
47.1	29.4	Do Plant & G	37.4	40.2	6.84
22.4	13.8	Aust & Gen (1)	19.5	21.0	4.01
27.8	18.2	Jt. Int Cms	22.4	24.1	5.40
		Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd, 47-57 Gresham St, London, EC2. 01-600 4747			
62.4	35.7	Growth	58.3	62.4	5.61
52.1	25.4	Assets	50.1	53.1	7.53
37.3	23.3	Capital Accum	35.0	37.5	5.45
37.5	29.5	Financial	37.2	39.8	4.09
53.9	35.0	High Income	50.1	53.6	7.50
411.7	250.1	Professional	402.4	414.9	4.60
21.0	13.8	Status Change	19.2	21.2	6.45
115.0	84.4	Minerals Tst	79.6	85.6	5.05
26.2	14.6	North American	25.1	26.9	2.97
41.8	23.5	Century	37.6	40.0	4.46
49.6	26.2	Inv 2nd Gen	45.6	48.8	4.10
110.2	74.8	Provident Inv	98.3	104.6	4.15
43.5	29.7	Shield	37.7	40.2	4.75
		National Group, 35 Norwich St, EC4. 01-831 6212			
41.0	28.3	Comm Cons	34.8	37.1	4.20
29.4	22.9	Domestic	29.6	30.5	6.59
50.9	24.9	Gas Ind Power	42.3	45.0	5.39
41.1	28.0	Hundred Secs	39.0	41.5	5.74
31.1	19.2	Investors Gen	26.2	27.9	5.25
64.2	44.2	Natbils	61.0	64.9	3.84
47.3	26.7	National Cons	39.3	41.9	5.13
139.9	82.3	Do Unit 'D'	130.1	136.5	4.10
66.2	41.4	Do High Inc	56.9	60.4	8.11
37.8	21.7	Nutts	37.1	39.5	4.58
62.1	51.5	Natural Res	56.8	59.4	6.12
58.3	29.1	Scot Units	46.5	49.5	4.72
59.9	36.6	Security First	57.0	60.7	5.71
65.5	36.3	Shamrock	47.0	49.9	5.21
90.1	54.9	Universal 2nd	86.5	92.1	5.16
		Stewart Unit Trust Managers, 45 Charlotte St, Edinburgh. 031-226 3271			
66.6	26.2	American	44.5	47.7	1.30
100.0	52.7	British Cap	88.1	94.7	4.35
		Sun Alliance Management Ltd, Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 64141			
101.0	106.0	Exempt Eq Tst	101.0	106.0	5.57
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
71.3	46.9	Family Fund	61.4	65.4	2.73
		Target Trust Managers Ltd, Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5041			
25.4	15.1	Consumer	23.5	25.1	5.56
54.8	31.4	Financial	50.3	53.7	4.07
34.4	18.5	Equity	28.9	30.9	5.62
135.0	81.1	Exempt	135.0	139.5	5.43
157.1	94.4	Do Accum (3)	157.1	162.5	5.43
27.4	15.4	Growth	20.8	22.3	4.61
25.0	17.7	International	24.1	25.9	2.93
25.4	19.0	Do Re-invest	24.5	26.1	2.93
24.5	12.0	Investment	23.0	24.7	3.62
126.9	72.0	Professional (3)	106.8	111.2	5.29
18.5	11.0	Income	17.3	18.5	7.74
13.2	9.6	Preference	11.0	11.8	14.63
		Target Trust Managers (Scotland) Ltd, 19 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, 3. 031-229 8621			
25.2	14.6	Eagle	22.4	23.9	3.26
29.7	16.8	Thistle	26.6	28.4	6.09
44.6	27.9	Clermore Fnd	40.0	42.3	3.72
		TSB Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 21 Chantry Way, Andover, Hants. Andover 62188			
30.9	15.6	General	27.0	28.9	4.42
36.1	17.5	Do Accum	32.7	35.0	4.42
56.3	45.9	Scottish	54.3	57.2	3.75
59.2	45.9	Do Accum	54.3	57.2	3.75
		Transatlantic & General Securities Co, 99 New London Rd, Chelmsford. 51651			
64.9	31.3	Barbican (4)	59.6	63.5	5.34
84.0	41.0	Do Accum	79.1	84.4	5.34
149.5	100.0	Barrington Fnd	145.4	153.4	3.51
149.5	100.0	Do Accum	145.4	153.2	3.51
67.9	44.7	Buckingham (4)	68.3	71.5	3.90
73.3	48.2	Do Accum	73.1	76.6	3.90
94.5	49.4	Colemco	93.4	98.4	4.19
102.3	52.4	Do Accum	101.2	106.6	4.19
138.0	87.4	Endeavour	138.0	144.6	3.48
48.9	29.2	Glen Fund (2)	39.1	41.6	5.09
52.6	29.9	Do Accum	45.1	47.9	5.09
84.1	47.6	G'chester (5)	79.6	83.4	2.72
88.3	49.0	Ldn & Brus'ls	81.1	85.0	4.73
46.8	31.1	Marlborough	46.0	49.1	3.13
48.4	32.3	Do Accum	47.6	50.8	3.13
67.9	38.2	Merlin (1)	56.2	60.0	5.25
67.4	38.4	Do Accum	62.4	66.5	5.25
43.3	29.5	Merlin Yield	43.3	46.1	5.65
44.4	28.4	Do Accum	44.4	47.3	5.65
39.4	19.9	Vanguard (2)	33.6	35.9	4.66
43.0	22.4	Do Accum	40.7	44.0	3.70
48.4	31.0	Wickmoor	44.6	47.5	5.03
52.9	32.4	Do Accum	47.9	51.3	5.03
		Trident Funds (Schlesinger Trust Managers Ltd), 140 South St, Dorking. Dorking 86441			
22.0	20.7	Performance	18.6	17.8	5.49
39.9	21.0	Income Fund	28.0	30.1	5.16
33.5	18.4	10% Withdrwl	22.7	24.5	..
31.0	23.1	Int Growth	45.7	49.1	2.29
49.4	21.2	AmerGrwth	26.1	28.2	..
34.0	25.6	Nil Yield Fnd	24.0	25.0	..
		Tyndall Managers Ltd, 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
92.0	49.5	Income	77.6	81.6	6.88
121.0	65.8	Do Accum	119.6	125.6	6.88
101.8	52.8	Capital	88.6	93.4	4.00
122.6	65.4	Do Accum	113.0	116.8	4.00
92.6	34.6	Canynge Fund	67.0	70.4	4.46
103.4	38.4	Do Accum	75.0	78.8	4.46
99.6	43.0	Exempt*	68.2	71.8	5.18
103.1	51.8	Do Accum	83.2	87.4	5.16
79.4	38.6	Local Auth*	52.0	54.6	4.45
56.6	44.6	Do Accum	61.0	64.2	4.45
179.4	100.2	Int Earn Fnd	178.4	187.4	5.15
181.0	106.2	Do Accum	180.0	189.2	5.15
		Tyndall National & Commercial, 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
108.6	66.4	Income (23)	108.0	113.0	5.98
131.6	80.0	Do Accum	131.6	137.6	5.98
102.8	52.2	Capital (23)	95.6	100.0	3.86
111.6	58.6	Do Accum	107.4	112.4	3.86
		Unit Trust Account & Management, 5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3M. 01-623 4951			
97.0	62.0	Friars Hse Fnd	97.0	102.0	6.30
28.1	11.8	Gt Winchester	17.2	18.8	6.87
23.9	8.7	Do Overseas	12.4	13.4	8.32

Insurance Bonds and Funds

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Life Assurance Co Ltd, 190 Strand, London, WC2R 1DY. 01-836 6600			
37.9	15.6	Equity Trst (3)	27.3	29.0	..
38.4	12.2	Do Accum (3)	21.3	22.4	..
98.8	100.0	Money Fd Unit	98.8	104.0	..
106.9	100.0	Pension Sec	100.2	105.5	..
106.9	100.0	Do Managed	103.4	108.9	..
71.1	37.8	Sel Inv (3)	57.0	60.5	..
62.7	37.3	Do Pen (3)	51.3	54.5	..
135.5	94.4	Prop Unit (27)	95.3	104.7	..
141.0	89.2	Do Accum (27)	93.2	98.0	..
145.4	94.2	Do Pen (27)	99.2	103.3	..
103.6	100.0	Conv Bnd	98.8	104.0	..
		Albany Life Assurance Co Ltd, 31 Old Burlington Street, W1. 01-437 5962			
95.4	100.0	Guar Mon Fnd	95.4	100.4	..
95.8	100.0	Do Accum	95.8	100.8	..
120.7	100.0	Equity Fnd	120.7	127.1	..
121.6	100.0	Do Accum	121.6	128.0	..
107.5	100.0	Property Fnd	96.2	101.3	..
96.9	100.0	Do Accum	96.9	102.0	..
96.8	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	96.1	101.2	..
97.2	100.0	Do Accum	96.7	101.8	..
112.5	100.0	Mult Inv Fnd	112.5	118.5	..
113.2	100.0	Do Accum	113.2	119.2	..
95.5	100.0	Guar Mon Pen	95.5	100.5	..
96.1	100.0	Do Accum	98.4	101.5	..
97.0	100.0	Property Pen	97.0	102.1	..
97.5	100.0	Do Accum	97.3	103.0	..
97.5	100.0	Fixed Int Pen	96.3	101.9	..
97.8	100.0	Do Accum	97.4	102.5	..
116.7	100.0	Mult Inv Pen	116.7	122.9	..
117.7	100.0	Do Accum	117.7	123.9	..
		AMEV Life Assurance Ltd, 3 Pavilion Bldgs, Brighton, BN1 1EE. 0273 21917			
105.9	100.0	Trimd Man Bond	105.7	111.8	..
		Atlantic Assurance, Atlantic Hse, Billinghurst, Sussex. 040-381 3451			
108.5	102.0	All-Weather Ac	108.5	114.2	..
107.0	108.8	Do Capital	107.0	112.6	..
111.5	97.0	Investment Fnd	108.5	..	..
109.0	86.0	Pension Fnd	97.0	..	..
		Barclays Life Assurance Co, Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, E7. 01-555 1381			
86.1	66.0	Barclaybonds	81.5	85.8	..
		Canada Life Assurance, 6 Charles II St, London, SW1. 01-930 6122			
46.4	24.9	Equity Grwth	43.4	..	..
96.8	52.5	Retirement	61.9	..	..
		Cannon Assurance Ltd, 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
11.91	7.58	Equity Units	£ 11.51	..	..
108.0	67.0	Do Accum	105.0	..	..
79.9	39.0	Do Annuity	14.9	..	..
856.0	114.0	Prop Units	729.0	..	..
962.0	756.0	Do Accum	814.0	..	..
9.60	7.94	Exec Bal	£ 9.47	..	..
8.00	5.06	Exec Equity	£ 7.79	..	..
11.35	9.29	Exec Prop	£ 9.08	..	..
9.95	8.40	Bal Bond	£ 9.47	10.02	..
8.00	5.26	Equity Bond	£ 7.79	8.24	..
11.35	10.00	Prop Bond	£ 9.86	10.23	..
9.60	7.94	Bal Units	£ 9.47	..	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Society, 6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 6944. Valuation last working day of month.			
73.1	64.6	1st Units	70.0	73.5	..
50.3	45.9	Prop Units	44.5	46.8	0.09
		City of Westminster Assurance Co, 6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 6944. Valuation last working day of month.			
46.1	47.5	W'minster Units	40.4	42.4	..
66.3	57.2	Land Bank	57.2	..	..
44.5	33.1	Speculator	33.1	..	..
155.0	131.0	Prop Annuity	132.0	134.6	..
102.4	100.0	Int Option Bnd	102.4	107.7	..
37.4	34.2	Equity Fnd	37.4	39.3	..
		2nd Managed Fund			
121.1	46.9	Performance	116.7	..	..
117.8	113.2	Balanced	112.7	118.0	..
100.0	100.0	Guarantee	100.0	..	..
		Commercial Union Group, St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 01-283 7500			
32.8	18.4	Variable An Acc	31.5	..	..
13.6	10.2	Do Ann	12.6	..	..
		Cornhill Insurance, 32 Cornhill, London, EC3. 01-626 5410. Valuation 15th of month.			
110.0	62.5	Capital Fnd	95.5	..	..
46.5	25.0	GS Special	37.5	..	..
113.5	85.0	Man Grwth (23)	113.5	119.5	..
		Crown Life Fund Insurance Co, Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4300			
109.2	91.3	Crown Brit Inv	106.0	..	..
		Crusader Insurance, Bowring Bldgs, Tower Place, EC3. 01-626 8031. Valuation 1st Tuesday of month.			
61.8	50.5	Crusader Prop	50.9	56.5	..
		Eagle Star Insurance/Midland Assurance, PO Box 175, NLA Tower, Croydon. 01-681 1031			
40.7	24.7	Eagle Units	32.9	34.1	7.66
40.7	23.5	Midland Units	32.9	34.1	7.66
		Fidelity Life Assurance Ltd, 30 Charles II St, SW1. 01-930 2404			
45.7	23.5	Am Grth Fnd (1)	45.7	48.1	..
23.7	18.0	Flexible Fnd	22.3	23.5	..
42.5	37.6	Trst of Trsts	42.5	44.3	..
44.0	35.1	Do Cap	44.0	46.3	..
		Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group, Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 7107			
162.4	131.9	Prop Bond	126.6	131.9	..
90.6	59.9	Pen Man Bonds	90.6	95.4	..
		Hambro Life Assurance, 7 Old Park Lane, London, W1. 01-499 0031			
105.5	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	105.5	111.1	..
117.2	75.2	Equity	112.7	118.7	..
134.7	106.7	Property	115.1	122.4	..
107.4	73.1	Managed Cap	101.4	106.9	..
114.0	99.7	Do Accum	114.0	120.1	..
145.5	134.0	Pen Prop Cap	129.4	136.3	..
160.1	151.9	Do Accum	149.4	157.3	..
131.0	121.0	Pen Man Cap	131.0	140.1	..
133.6	137.6	Do Accum	153.6	161.7	..
106.5	100.0	Pen F1 Cap	106.5	112.2	..
111.3	100.0	Do Accum	111.3	117.2	..
		Hearts of Oak Benefit Society, Euston Rd, London, NW1. 01-387 5020			
30.2	26.6	Prop Bond	29.0	30.8	..
		Hill Samuel Life Assurance Ltd, NLA Twr, Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4355			
150.5	121.8	HS Prop Units	117.7	123.7	..
112.8	76.4	Fortune Man (5)	108.7	114.5	..
101.2	100.0	Money Fnd	101.2	106.5	..
		Hodge Life Assurance Co Ltd, 114/116 St Mary St, Cardiff. 42577			
49.9	27.3	Hodge Bonds	42.6	44.9	..
53.3	40.0	Takeover	51.1	54.4	..
35.1	25.0	Hodge Life Eq	23.7	25.0	..
25.7	25.0	Mortgage Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
25.7	25.0	Conv High Yld	23.7	25.0	..
25.7	25.0	Overseas Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
		Individual Life Insurance Ltd, 45 South St, Eastbourne, BN21 4UT. 0323 38711			
100.3	65.0	Equities	97.0	102.3	..
118.0	105.5	Fixed Int	115.0	121.1	..
113.3	85.3	Managed	112.4	118.1	..
103.5	105.2	Property	103.5	109.1	..
109.9	100.0	MoneyFund	100.0	105.3	..
112.8	99.2	King & Shaxson	110.6	112.9	..
99.5	100.0	Commodity	96.3	101.9	..
97.0	99.3	Growth	94.9	99.9	..
100.2	100.0	Capital	100.2	105.5	..
95.0	96.5	Income	92.0	96.8	..
117.4	100.0	International	117.0	123.2	..
		Investment Annuity Life Assurance, 9 Devereux Court, London, WC2. 01-353 3897			
67.6	59.5	Lion Equity	65.4	..	..
113.3	76.9	Do Accum	101.4	..	..
63.2	46.2	Lion Man Grwth	49.5	52.7	..
61.5	43.1	Do Cap	43.4	45.9	..
62.6	52.2	Lion Prop Fnd	54.1	..	..
76.1	46.1	Lion High Yield	54.9	..	..
98.6	81.8	Do Equity Pen	95.6	..	..
78.5	54.7	Do Prop Pen	57.4	..	..
70.6	52.9	Do B Yld Pen	64.0	..	..
		Irish Life Assurance, 11 Finsbury Sq, London, EC2. 01-628 8253			
157.9	142.4	Prop Modules	135.7	142.9	5.26
135.7	142.4	Do Grwth (31)	135.7	142.9	5.26
128.2	100.0	Managed Fnd	125.5	132.2	..
55.0	32.3	Blue Chip Fnd	52.3	55.0	4.40
		Langham Life Assurance, Mitcal Hse, Finsbury Sq, EC2. 01-628 8991			
136.8	105.6	Property Bnd	101.2	106.5	..
30.9	22.3	Spec Prop Fnd	21.3	22.4	..
84.2	43.5	Midas Bond (34)	46.8	49.2	..
54.2	41.3	Capital Accum	46.2	..	..
63.2	49.4	W'SP (SpecMan)	52.2	54.0	..
		Life & Equity Assurance Co Ltd, 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
29.3	21.5	Secure Ret	28.0	30.0	..
30.3	21.5	Select Inv	23.0	24.0	..
23.0	18.0	Do 2nd	19.0	20.5	..
25.0	19.5	Gilt Fnd	24.5	26.0	..
24.0	15.5	Equity Fnd	19.0	20.5	..
100.0	100.0	Deposit Fnd	100.0	101.5	..
		Lloyds Life Assurance Ltd, 12 Leadenhall St, EC3M 7LS. 01-623 6621			
136.4	100.0	Mult Grwth Fnd	136.4	..	..
98.6	69.3	Opt 4 Equity	95.8	100.9	..
102.4	100.0	Do Property	102.4	107.8	..
109.1	94.7	Do High Yield	109.1	114.9	..
104.7	99.9	Do Managed	104.7	110.3	..
100.7	100.0	Do Deposit	100.7	106.0	..
106.1	100.0	Pen Dep Fnd	106.1	111.7	..
140.3	143.8	Do Equity Fnd	140.3	147.7	..
117.8	100.0	Do F1 Fnd	117.0	123.2	..
117.5	100.0	Do Man Fnd	117.6	124.0	..
103.3	100.0	Do Prop Fnd	103.2	108.7	..
		Manufacturers Life Insurance, Manulife Hse, Stevenage, Herts. 0438 56101			
29.0	17.2	Manulife (5)	27.7	29.1	..
		Merchant Investors Assurance, 125 High Street, Croydon. 01-686 9171			
109.1	102.7	ConvDepBnd	108.1	..	..
105.5	100.0	Do Pension	105.5	..	..
73.8	38.8	Equity Bond	52.6	..	..
142.3	91.1	Do Pension	128.3	..	..
113.3	80.2	Managed Bond	87.3	..	..
180.3	89.3	Do Pension	93.2	..	..
117.9	101.2	Money Market	110.7	..	..
123.0	100.0	Do Pension	117.4	..	..
150.8	124.7	Property Bond	84.0	..	..
145.1	24.7	Do Pension	96.3	..	..
		M & G Assurance, Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
95.7	59.2	Equity Bond (4)	93.1	96.9	..
72.6	41.3	Do Bonus	64.9	67.6	..
83.5	49.4	Int'l Bnd (4)	68.1	72.0	..
112.1	66.9	Fam Bnd 1976	110.4	..	..
105.5	66.3	Do 1977-80	96.4	..	..
114.0	70.2	Do 1981-86	111.4	..	..
66.6	67.3	Managed Bonds	95.2	100.1	..
43.1	29.4	Mirror Bonds	42.3	..	..
151.2	84.7	Pers Pen (5)	123.9	127.7	..
139.9	103.4	Prop Fnd (4)	104.7	110.1	..
		Norwich Union Insurance Group, PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
123.4	99.7	Norwich Man (3)	120.7	127.0	..
182.2	99.1	Do Equity (3)	178.2	187.6	..
96.7	100.0	Do Prop (3)	96.7	101.8	..
96.9	99.9	Do Fx Int (3)	94.1	99.0	..
110.9	84.7	Do Units (36)	103.2	..	..
		Pearl-Monteagu Assurance, 252 High Holborn, London, WC2. 01-405 8441			
105.6	96.8	Prop Units	93.3	100.6	..
		Phoenix Assurance, 4-5 King William St, EC4. 01-626 9876			
85.3	58.8	Wealth Ass Bnd	78.3	82.4	..
49.9	35.5	Ebor Ass (31)	49.9	..	..
51.8	33.0	Ebor Endow (32)	50.4	52.9	..
		Property Equity & Life Ass Co, 119 Crawford St, London, W1. 01-486 0857			
173.2	145.7	R Silk Prop Bnd	143.4	..	..
115.0	100.0	Do Bal Ag Bnd	100.0	..	..
100.3	95.8	Do Series (2)	96.8	..	..
83.1	61.3	Do Managed	72.4	..	..
102.7	61.8	Do Equity Bnd	77.3	..	..
112.7	100.0	Do Flex Mny	112.7	..	..
		Property Growth Assurance, 111 Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7JF. 01-928 0661			
176.0	141.5	Prop Grwth (29)	143.0	..	..
151.0	460.0	AG Bond (29)	460.0	..	..
138.5	125.5	Abb Nat PG (29)	130.5	..	..
54.5	48.8	Shenley Inv (29)	54.5	..	..
124.4	100.0	Do Equity	124.4	..	..
110.2	100.0	Do Money	110.2	..	..
136.0	117.0	Ret Annuity (29)	121.0	..	..
128.0	103.9	Immed Ann (31)	108.0	..	..
		Prudential Pensions Ltd, Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
17.22	8.37	Equity	£ 17.22	17.91	..
11.83	10.61	Fixed Int	£ 11.50	11.76	..
16.60	16.46	Property	£ 16.77	17.29	..
		Reliance Mutual Insurance Society Ltd, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 0892 22271			
170.1	136.0	Rel Prop Bnd	170.0	..	..
		Save & Prosper Group, 4 Gt St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-554 8899			
90.0	91.0	Bal Bnd	86.8	91.0	..
90.3	54.2	Equity Bnd	89.2	94.0	..
22.0	12.0	Gilt Bond (4)	19.2	20.4	..
124.3	100.3	Prop Fnd (5)	103.2	108.6	..
		Schroder Life Group, 15-24 Maltravers St, WC2. 01-836 3853			
96.4	100.0	Deposit Fnd (5)	95.6	100.7	..
101.4	100.0	Fixed Int (5)	101.1	106.5	..
90.4	81.6	Flexible Fnd	89.6	94.3	..
154.1	95.1	Equity Fnd	151.0	..	..
134.6	98.0	Do 2nd Ser	151.0	162.7	..
116.4	100.0	Pen Fixd Int	115.2	121.3	..
122.5	100.0	Pen Fnd Accum	121.1	127.5	..
95.7	100.0	Prop Fnd (5)	95.7	100.7	..
		Scottish Widows Fund & Life Assurance, PO Box 902, Edinburgh. 031-225 1291			
211.0	165.7	Inv Policy	200.6	205.6	..
		Standard Life Assurance Co, PO Box 62, 3 George St, Edinburgh. 031-225 7971			
79.4	71.5	Unit Endowment	74.4	..	..
		Sun Life of Canada (UK) Ltd, 2-4 Cockspur St, SW1. 01-930 5400			
129.7	70.7	Maple Leaf (1)	123.5	..	..
125.0	105.8	Personal Pen	122.0	..	..
		Target Life Assurance, Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
99.6	100.0	Deposit Inv	99.6	105.0	..
107.4	95.2	Fixed Interest	105.6	110.6	..
97.5	86.2	Man Fnd Acc	92.5	97.1	..
92.1	86.6	Do Income	86.1	92.1	..
134.0	96.0	Prop Bnd Inv	96.0	..	..
96.0	94.2	Do Income	88.1	94.7	..
145.0	90.0	Do Accum	96.1	..	..
52.2	30.7	Ret Ann Pen Cap	49.3	52.0	..
56.5	32.9	Do Accum	51.7	53.4	..
		Trident Life, Renslade Hse, Gloucester. 0452 36541			
107.2	81.0	Trident Man	105.5	111.1	..
114.1	93.5	Do Guar Man	111.7	117.7	..
106.8	102.0	Do Property	106.8	112.5	..
90.0	58.1	Do Equity	82.1	86.5	..
110.0	99.9	Do High Yield	109.7	115.6	..
101.9	100.0	Do Money	101.9	107.5	..
91.0	100.0	Do Fiscal Fnd	98.8	108.8	..
112.0	29.5	Do Bonds	44.0	46.5	..
94.50	82.10	Gilt Edged (1)	90.40	..	..
		Tyndall Assurance, 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
145.4	73.4	Prop Fnd (19)	84.8	..	..
125.5	75.4	3 Way Fnd (29)	94.4	..	..
		Vanbrugh Life Assurance Ltd, 41-43 Maddox St, London, W1R 9LA. 01-499 4923			
131.1	75.0	Equity Fnd	125.3	131.9	..
104.4	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	101.0	106.4	..
102.6	100.0	Property Fnd	102.6	108.1	..
99.1	93.6	Managed Cash	99.1	104.4	..
101.1	72.9	Managed Fnd	95.0	100.0	..
		Welfare Insurance, The Leas, Folkestone, Kent. 0303 57333			
133.0	100.0	Capital Grwth	127.6	..	..
94.4	71.7	Flexible Fund	79.3	..	..
97.9	81.5	Int Fnd	86.3	..	..
131.9	74.3	Prop Fnd	73.7	..	..
98.7	52.9	Money Maker	75.5	..	..

Offshore and International Funds

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Barbican Managers (Jersey) Ltd, PO Box 63, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. 0534 37606			
72.6	60.3	Europ'n Ster	66.2	70.1	4.42
		Barclay Unicorn International (Ch Is) Ltd, Church St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37306			
42.8	37.7	Jer Guer O'seas	42.4	44.7	11.02
		Barclays Unicorn International (I.O.M.) Ltd, 1 Victoria St, Douglas, I.O.M. 0624 4856			
66.7	34.8	Aust Ext Tst	51.8	55.5	3.20
23.8	13.0	Aust Min Tst	20.3	21.7	2.70
45.0	40.0	Isle of Man Tst	47.9	50.5	8.22
41.0	16.7	Manx Mutual	21.8	23.3	2.60
		Brandts & Grindlay (Jersey) Ltd, PO Box 59, Broad St, St Helier.			
149.0	76.0	Brandt Jersey	110.0	117.0	6.35
159.0	85.0	Do Accum	130.0	138.0	5.20
		Brandts Ltd, 36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6599			
70.64	53.23	O'seas Fnd	$ 64.66	..	..
		Calvin Bullock Ltd, 60 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-283 5453			
780.0	535.0	Bullock Fnd	780.0	899.0	1.97
625.0	519.0	Canadian Fnd	618.0	718.0	1.72
291.0	230.0	Canadian Inv	286.0	335.0	2.18
200.0	140.0	Div Shares	200.0	231.0	2.06
624.0	469.0	NY Venture Fnd	694.0	802.0	..
		Capital Trust (Jersey) Ltd, 1 Broad Street, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 25561			
86.0	55.7	Red Part Pref	86.0	89.7	0.56
		Charterhouse Japhet, 1 Paternoster Row, EC4. 01-248 3999			
31.90	24.20	Adiropa	DM 31.00	32.60	7.06
56.50	39.20	Adiverba	DM 53.40	56.20	6.23
22.90	23.90	Fondak	DM 22.20	23.50	6.49
23.90	19.90	Fondis	DM 23.90	25.20	7.14
42.50	36.00	Gen O'seas Swfr	43.00	46.50	3.66
62.29	54.50	Hispano	$ 65.59	69.22	1.01
		Cornhill Insurance (Guernsey) Ltd, PO Box 157, St Julians Ct, St Peters, Guernsey			
148.5	91.0	Int Cap Man (20)	145.5	158.5	..
		Ebor Management (Jersey), 37 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 20591			
165.6	111.5	Channel Cap	175.9	185.1	2.48
92.7	64.6	Channel Isles	95.4	100.4	3.90
		Eurosyndicat Group, Agents: N M Rothschild and Sons, New Ct, St Swithin's Lane, EC4. 01-626 4356			
1.772	1.587	Eurunion Luxfr	1,735	1,908	4.98
539.0	482.0	Fin Union Luxfr	316.0	329.0	5.47
		Hambros (Guernsey) Ltd, PO Box 86, St Peter Port, Guernsey. 0481 26521			
104.7	92.9	Channel Isle	91.1	97.8	6.30
		Individual Life Insurance Ltd, 45 South St, Eastbourne BN 21 4UT. 0323 36711			
105.6	100.0	Foreign Fix Int	101.7	109.4	5.80
105.6	100.0	Do Equity	105.6	112.4	..
		Kavanday Bermuda Management Ltd, 4 Irish Place, Gibraltar. Telex GK 245			
1.32	1.15	Europeris N.A	1.32	1.38	..
		Keystone Funds of Boston, 99 Lombard St, London, EC3. 01-623 1157			
151.0	117.0	Polaris	140.0	172.0	..
255.0	277.0	K'stone Growth	235.0	299.0	..
		Lamont Investment Management Ltd, 8 St George's St, Douglas, I.O.M. Douglas 4682			
25.0	17.4	Int Income (5)	22.4	23.9	8.50
		Manx International Management, 30 Victoria St, Douglas, I.O.M. 0624 4856			
129.9	96.0	City Pacific	115.0	122.9	..
46.7	21.5	Manx Int Inc	43.7	46.8	7.50
102.1	72.1	Sely Growth (27)	75.4	10.2	..
		M & G Group, Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
86.0	52.2	Island Fnd	84.6	87.3	4.32
107.1	70.1	Do Accum	107.1	110.5	4.32
2.06	1.21	Atlantic Exp	$ 1.67	1.81	..
2.26	1.20	Aust & Gen	$ 1.43	1.47	..
		Old Court Fund Managers Ltd, PO Box 58, St Julians Ct, Guernsey. 0481 26331			
46.5	34.6	Old Ct Eq (34)	40.5	43.0	3.52
97.6	95.0	Old Ct Int (35)	95.3	101.3	..
100.5	84.1	Smaller Co's	100.5	106.9	9.05
		Oliver Heath & Co, 31 Malew St, Castletown, I.O.M. 0624 823746			
107.6	81.9	Brit Conv Tst	107.5	113.2	12.70
100.2	100.0	Conv Rights Tst	100.2	105.2	9.80
		4 Irish Place, Gibraltar. Telex GK 245			
163.3	119.0	Gib Int Tst	125.6	145.9	5.70
135.5	76.1	Key City Inv	63.5	76.1	..
75.1	24.9	Warrant Fnd	71.9	76.5	..
		Slater Walker (Jersey), 2-6 Church St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37381			
224.4	150.7	Growth Inv	224.4	235.2	2.00
16.3	12.0	Int'l Fnd	17.3	18.9	5.00
130.0	100.0	Jersey Energy	130.0	136.9	1.00
		Stellar Unit Trust Managers Ltd, Victory Hse, Prospect Hill, Douglas, I.O.M. 0624 23911			
55.5	27.0	Growth (10)	55.2	57.6	3.05
		Target Trust Managers (Cayman) Ltd, PO Box 719, Grand Cayman, Cayman Is.			
1.05	0.43	City Inv	$ 0.65	0.68	..
		Tyndall Overseas Funds Managers Ltd, PO Box 1256, Hamilton, Bermuda			
1.27	1.01	Overseas	$ 1.20	1.16	6.00
1.52	1.12	Do Accum	$ 1.40	1.45	6.00
		Tyndall Managers (Jersey) Ltd, 42 La Motte St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37331			
10.40	5.55	Overseas Str	£ 8.40	9.22	6.00
12.45	7.00	Do Accum	£ 8.25	9.70	6.00

● Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous day's price. ¶ Ex all. ● Dealings suspended. ⊕ Subdivided. £ Cash value for £100 premium.

Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (6) May 2. (7) May 6. (10) May 30. (11) June 2. (15) May 7. (16) May 13. (17) May 13. (19) May 22. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 1st Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 15th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 3rd Tuesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month.

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Stock Exchange Prices

Poor start to account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, May 5. Dealings End, May 16. § Contango Day, May 19. Settlement Day, May 28.

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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BRITISH FUNDS

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Investment Dollar Premium 107¼% (105⅝%). Premium Conversion Factor 0.3391.

FOREIGN STOCKS

DOLLAR STOCKS

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
59½	31	Allied	61	-1	4.5	7.3	10.3
117	41	Bass Charrgton	87	-4	5.5	6.3	9.2
215	50	Bell A	94	..	7.8	7.4	4.7
98	23	Boddingtons	72	-1	4.0	5.5	11.5
82	27	Brown M.	59	-2	3.9	6.5	3.9
77	22	Burtonwood	54	..	3.4	6.4	6.0
190	40	Cameron J. W.	75	-2	4.4	5.9	8.0
47	29	C of Ldn Dfd	45	-1	2.8b	6.3	22.0
112	49	Highland	100	-3	7.0	7.0	9.5
340	85	Teacher	170	-5	12.3	7.3	9.3
165	48	Tollemache	100	-3	5.2	5.2	16.4
112	49	Whitbread Inv	112	..	8.2	7.3	20.8
155	54	Wolverhampton	110	-4	6.5	5.9	10.7

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A — B

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
176	48	AAH	113	-3	12.0	10.6	5.9
103	22	AB Electronic	32	-2	6.1	19.2	2.2
48	36	AC Cars	42	..	1.3	3.1	16.2
84	43	AD Intl	71	+1	3.3	4.6	7.2
66	15	AGB Research	40	..	3.1	7.8	6.7
230	93	APV Hldgs	210	-2	13.0	6.2	7.9
80	21	AVP Ind	49	-1	3.2n	6.6	4.7
81	13	Aaronson Bros	41	-2	2.3	5.5	10.6
51	14	Abbey Panels	26	..	4.0	14.3	3.0
104½	40	Acrow	60	-3	5.2b	8.7	9.6
79½	23½	Do A	54	-2	5.2b	9.7	8.6
35	14	Adams Food	19	..	1.3	7.1	9.6
30	5	Adda Int	14	..	..e	..	..
170	57	Adwest Group	126	-2	9.2b	7.3	6.9
43	9	Aeronl' & Gen.	19	+2	1.5	7.8	9.3
115	66	Airfix Ind	90	..	4.0	4.5	10.5
60	27½	Do NV	51	-1	4.0	7.9	5.9
79	22	Albright & W	77	-6	5.3	6.8	5.5
79	55	Alcan 10½%	£69½	-2	1050	15.1	..
85	54	Do 9% Cnv	£61	..	900	11.1	..
47	25	Allen E.	42	..	4.6n	11.0	3.0
45	12	Allen W. G.	26	-4	3.5	17.3	3.5
37½	14½	Alliance Alders	27½	..	1.7	6.1	7.5
120	29	Allied Colloids	82	-2	2.1	2.6	10.3
50	7½	Allied Insulators	17	..	1.6	9.6	5.2
37	9	Allied Plant	16	..	1.1	7.0	9.6
87	30	Allied Polymer	83	-1	6.4	7.7	9.5
41	7	Alpine Hldgs	13	..	..e	..	3.4
152	133	Amal Metal	180	..	18.0	10.0	2.0
70	15	Amal Power	41	-3	4.1	10.1	3.7
41½	16	Amber Day	32	..	2.2	6.8	4.3
11	6½	Amber Ind Hldgs	7	..	0.6	7.9	3.6
54	24	Anchor Chem	42	-4	5.2	12.5	5.2
190	62	Anderson Strath	162	..	12.1	7.5	8.4
700	325	Anglo Amer Ind	690	..	35.5	5.1	9.5
41	22	Ang Swiss Hldgs	31	..	4.7	15.3	2.8
139	52½	Anglo-Thai Corp	117	-5	2.0	1.7	5.4
51	20	Appleyard	32	-2	5.5	17.2	4.6
204	38	Armitage Shanks	62	-2	9.2	14.8	6.3
57	25	Ash Spinning	40	..	5.4	13.6	3.3
90	33	Aspro Bs'a Pf	39	..	6.3	16.0	..
55	23½	Ass Biscuit	53	-1	3.7	7.0	7.8
54	19½	Do A	52	-1	3.7	7.1	7.7
62½	21½	Ass Brit Food	60	-1	2.2	3.7	10.7
55	17½	Ass Engineer	52½	-1½	5.0	9.5	8.4
163	61	Ass Port Cement	146	-1	10.4	7.1	12.4
58	20	Aurora Hldgs	11	-½	1.2b	10.9	3.9
121	30	Avon Rubber	58	-2	12.8	22.0	4.3
56	17	BBA Grp	47	-1	3.7	7.9	9.2
112	43	BPB Ind	98	-3	8.0	8.2	5.9
105	21	BSR Ltd	66	..	3.2	4.8	6.2
95½	39½	BTR Ltd	98½	+3½	5.1	5.1	7.8
110	26	Babcock & W	94	-3	2.7	2.9	9.0
93	16	Baker Perkins	38	-4	4.7	12.4	4.4
304	132	Barlow Rand	278	+13	12.4	4.4	8.0
135	34	Barratt Devs	95	..	9.0b	9.4	4.7
271	110	Beecham Grp	254	-6	7.3	2.9	12.6
356	135	Brit Home Strs	350	-6	10.7	3.1	18.1
640	324	Broken Hill	640	..	17.2	2.7	24.4
51	22	Brooke Bond	42	-1½	3.8	7.8	..
200	35	Burt Boulton	150	..	12.9	8.7	3.0
34½	9	Butterfld-Harvy	27	-1	2.7	9.8	12.5

C — E

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
40	12½	Cox Ind	13	..	..e	..	2.4
27	9	Crane Fruehauf	15	..	1.2	8.3	3.0
34	22	Crellon Hldgs	33	..	3.8	11.5	6.3
62	12	Crest Nicholson	28	-1	4.0	14.2	11.2
63	23	Croda Int	61	..	2.5b	4.1	8.7
32	13	Cronite Grp	27	-1	3.4	12.5	8.9
35	20	Cropper J.	30	..	2.9b	9.6	3.3
64	31	Crossley Bldgs	58	..	5.3	9.1	6.1
71	15	Crouch D.	29	..	4.5	15.5	7.1
40	17	Culter Guard	23½	-1½	4.0	17.0	4.6
600	310	De Beers Ind	600	..	35.3	5.9	13.7
99	25	Debenhams	78	-4	6.0	7.7	14.6
175	65	De La Rue	142	..	14.7	10.3	5.9
266	94	Decca	188	-6	12.1	6.5	4.8
294	90	Do A	184	-6	12.1	6.5	4.8
370	185	Duncan W.	237	-1	26.5	11.2	6.1
157	82	EMI Ltd	147	-10	9.6b	6.5	8.9
152	65	Ellis & Everard	102	-6	5.2	5.1	12.3
142	42	Empire Stores	101	-3	4.3	4.3	8.3
116	37	Exch Telegraph	72	-4	6.0n	8.4	9.8
55	27	Expand Metal	56	..	3.5	7.0	9.0

F — H

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
52	12	F C Cons	38	-1	4.6	10.6	5.5
77	29	FMC	72	-1	7.5	10.4	4.1
30	7½	FPA Cons	18	-½	2.9	16.3	3.6
210	40	Fairclough L.	202	-8	8.7	4.3	6.8
295	145	Fisons	395	-9	14.7	3.8	12.7
790	340	Fortnm & Mason	415	..	26.3	6.3	8.6
430	184	Glaxo Hldgs	380	-8	11.9	3.1	11.9
332	122	Hawker Sidd	272	-14	19.9	6.9	4.5
139	112	House of Fraser	89	..	5.4	6.1	9.6

I — L

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
135	40	IDC Grp	95	..	20.6	12.5	4.5
266	116	Imp Chem Ind	233	-6	..	..	..
58	14	LRC Int	23	..	3.3	14.5	3.6
171	54	Ladbroke	157	-9	5.8	3.7	7.3
48	23	Ladies Pride	31	-2	3.7	12.0	5.2
34	12	Lafarge	22	-1	2.3	10.5	6.6
182	45	Laing J.	156	-9	7.2	2.0	15.4
183	45	Do A	154	-8	3.2	2.0	15.2
60	27	Laird Grp Ltd	50½	-2	3.7	7.2	3.4
180	82½	Low & Bonar	172½	-4½	12.4	7.2	7.8
135	37	Lucas Ind	120	-3	7.6	6.3	8.5
235	55	Lyons J. Ord	148	..	11.7	7.9	7.7
240	50	Do A	142	-6	11.7	8.2	7.4

M — N

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
61	7	MFI W'house	35	-1	..e	..	4.2
101	17	MK Electric	40	-2	..e	..	8.6
247	88	McCorquodale	146	-1	16.9	11.6	8.4
249	95	Marks & Spencer	219	-12	9.7	4.4	18.1
278	117	Metal Box	232	-12	14.5	5.8	8.3
138	40	Newarthill	67	-2	6.2	9.2	9.6

O — S

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
95	43	Ocean Wilsons	88	-3	3.2	3.6	6.0
119	42	Oder Racasan	60	-3	5.1	8.5	6.7
925	475	Philips Lamp	880	+10	31.2	3.5	..
306	108	Reckitt & Colman	290	-5	12.1	4.2	14.4
675	306½	Reliance Grp	350	+15	18.7	4.8	3.2
98	33	RTD Grp	39	-1	11.4	29.2	2.6
118	35	SGB Grp	103	-3	6.0	5.8	6.4
180	73	Sainsbury J.	168	-6	6.1	3.6	21.6
420	124	Smith W. H.	398	-6	12.4	3.1	17.2
210	100	Steel Bros	208	-2	10.7	5.1	17.0
113	54	Swan Hunter	78	-2	8.4	10.8	2.1

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
44	10	Tace Ltd	20	-2	3.0	15.1	3.3
650	400	Takeda Bdr	650	..	1.1	0.2	..
274	92	Tate & Lyle	250	-9	15.5	6.2	5.7
288	68	Taylor Woodrow	272	-6	7.1	2.6	11.4
870	470	Do Dfd	835	-15	56.7	6.8	18.6
276	123	Tube Invest	263	-13	24.6	9.3	5.9
397	151	Unilever	353	-8	16.3	4.6	8.5
290	120	Vereeniging Ref	245	..	16.1	6.6	7.7
210	63	Walker Cros	204	-4	7.2	3.5	10.7
168	55	Wilkins & Mit	37	-1	3.4	9.1	2.9
125	70	Wilsor Newton	118	-6	10.1	8.6	8.4
64½	24	Woolworth	43	-1	6.1	14.1	20.0
168	79	Yarrow & Co	120	..	5.9n	4.9	1.2

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
81	12	Ang-Cont Inv	35	+1	..	..	6.1
59	28	Argentine S Lnd	53	..	4.3t	8.1	9.5
85	30	Assam Trdng 'B'	40	..	2.6	6.5	..
437	153	Inchcape	377	-6	10.8	2.9	10.1
134	50	Prov Fin Grp	71	..	..	..	..
670	260	Real Estate SA	670	..	20.9	3.1	30.3
48	17	Yule Catto	45	-1	1.6	3.5	12.3

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
70	19	Bowring	68	-2	3.2	5.4	..
106	33	Brentnall Beard	53	-2	4.4	8.2	6.2
164	50	Britannic	134	-6	10.5	7.8	..
183	68	Com Union	160	-8	10.2	6.4	..
143	44	Eagle Star	130	-6	7.1	5.4	..
216	60	Equity & Law	156	-16	7.6	4.6	..
175	62	Gen Accident	154	-10	8.1	5.2	..
214	84½	Guardian Royal	192	-5	11.6b	6.0	..
237	70	Orion	237	+1	9.7	4.1	..
254	81	Pearl	196	-6	14.3	7.3	..
224	86	Phoenix	216	-4	12.7	5.9	..
149	53	Prudential	129	-6	7.6	5.9	..
300	110	Refuge 'A'	245	-5	18.7	7.6	..
315	120	Royal	286	-10	18.7	6.5	..
457	174	Sun Alliance	427	-15	22.9	5.4	..
90	31	Sun Life	83	-4	4.0b	4.8	..
186	78	Trade Indem'ty	140	..	9.9	7.0	..

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
171	47	Aberdeen Trst	109	-2	5.2	4.7	33.5
195	86	Alliance Trust	150	-6	7.8	4.1	33.7
328	90	Brit Inves & Gen	328	+120	6.5	2.0	70.8

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
232	82	Brit & Comm	180	-10	10.5	5.8	8.8
95	60	Fisher J.	75	..	3.5	4.6	4.1
204	103	Furness Withy	183	-5	9.1	5.0	6.9
160	43	Hill C. Bristol	80	..	..e	..	..
310	75	Hunting Gibson	125	-5	13.6	10.9	1.4
42½	14	Jacobs J. I.	16½	..	2.8	13.8	4.8
155	27	Manch Liners	152	..	7.5	4.9	4.2
121	30	Ocean Trans	99½	-½	9.5n	8.5	8.3
134	57	P & O 'Dfd'	96	-3	7.5	7.8	3.1
115	58	Runciman W	100	-5	7.7	7.7	8.4

MINES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
450	250	Amal Colls	410	..	23.1	5.6	..
538	248	Anglo Am Corp	488	-10	17.8	3.8	..
166	77	Ayer Hitam	140	..	14.8	10.6	..
180	78	Lydenburg Plat	116	+16	..	..	..
454	145	Peko Wallsend	300	..	..	..	..

OIL

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
59½	32½	Ampol Pet	43	+½	3.1	7.2	..
91	53	Attock	56	..	6.3e	11.2	..
131	30	Berry Wiggins	80	-2	2.9	3.6	..
150	66	Brit Borneo	128	-4	7.1	5.6	..
584	191	BP	408	-9	23.2	5.2	..
498	30	Burmah Oil	71	..	..	..	..
108	32	Oil Exploration	73	-2	2.4	3.2	..
393	119	Shell	293	-10	17.9	6.3	..
190	20	Tricentrol	78	-2	3.2	4.1	..
240	66	Ultramar	156	-7	..	..	..

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
72	24	Allied Ldn	47	-3	3.5	7.4	..
139	36	Allnatt Ldn	122	-3	4.4	3.6	..
470	125	Hammerson	410	-25	7.0	1.7	..
225	100	Municipal	120	-5	5.9	4.8	..

RUBBER

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
39½	25	Anglo-Indonesia	35	..	3.9	11.0	..
415	128	Guthrie Corp	231	-8	19.6b	..	..
14	7	Sungei Krian	£12	-½	40.5	..	..

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
84	50	Assam Frontier	84	..	10.0	..	..
150	130	Doolahat	150	..	5.0	..	..
117	65	Jokai	117	..	10.0	..	..
80	56	Williamson Hldgs	70	..	6.3	..	..

MISCELLANEOUS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
45	13	Calcutta Elec	22	..	..	..	..
364	100	Imp Cont Gas	350	-11	..	..	..
37½	26	Sunderland Wtr	£30½	..	..	..	..

* Adjusted for tax changes. ● Ex dividend. Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. e Interim passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend excludes a special payment. h Bid for company. Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share free. y Price adj for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 05.05.75 (base date June 2 1964 original base date June 2 1959):

	Index No. Latest	Div Yield %	Earnings Yield %
The Times Industrial Share Index	130.03	7.17	14.79
Largest Coys	124.65	6.99	14.42
Smaller Coys.	134.44	7.77	15.99
Capital Goods	129.22	7.56	15.35
Consumer Goods	145.10	7.21	13.69
Store Shares	126.58	7.60	7.90
Largest financial shares	131.52	5.31	—
Largest financial and industrial shares	133.73	6.68	—
Commodity shares	227.05	4.13	14.30
Gold Mining shares	613.70	5.30	6.0
Industrial debenture stocks	73.57	8.27*	—
Industrial preference stocks	45.69	16.60*	—
3½% War Loan	22⅝	14.50*	—

A record of The Times Industrial Indices is given below —

	High	Low
All-time	198.47 (15.08.72)	60.19
1975	142.63 (22.04.75)	61.42
1974	136.28 (22.02.74)	60.17
1973	193.33 (12.01.73)	130.99
1972	198.47 (15.08.72)	144.48
1971	174.77 (31.12.71)	122.23
1970	145.78 (16.01.70)	110.75

* Flat interest yield. ● Ex-dividend.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Manchester

LECTURER

IN ADULT EDUCATION

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The University of Leeds

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UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION please get in touch with your local Probation and After-Care Service whose address and number are in the local telephone directory, or write on a post-card to:

The Probation and After-Care Department (T)
Home Office, Room 446,
Romney House, Marsham Street, London, SW1P 3DY.



Applications are invited for the following posts, for which applications close on the dates shown. SALARIES (unless otherwise stated) are as follows: Professor $A22,750; Senior Lecturer $A15,400-$A17,900; Lecturer $A11,250-$A15,100. Further details, conditions of appointment for each post, method of application and application form, where applicable, may be obtained from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF.

University of Sydney

CHAIR OF ACCOUNTING

Applications are invited for an additional Chair of Accounting. The occupant of the original Chair of Accounting is Professor R. J. Chambers.

6 June, 1975.

CHAIR OF IMMUNOLOGY

Applications are invited for the newly established Chair of Immunology.

There is provision for a clinical loading or a paraclinical loading where appropriate.

6 June, 1975.

University of Adelaide

SENIOR LECTURER IN SURGERY

initially to be located in the Department of Surgery unit at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Candidates should have a thorough training in general surgery, experience in medical undergraduate teaching and ability to undertake unsupervised original research. The particular interest of the unit is surgical gastroenterology, however those with other interests should not be dissuaded from applying. Salary plus a medical loading of $A5,335.

30 May, 1975.

LECTURER (MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY)

Department of Community Medicine

An applicant should have a higher qualification and suitable teaching and research experience in social psychology or be a medical graduate with higher qualifications in social medicine. The Lecturer will be based in the University Department of Community Medicine at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and will have teaching responsibilities for an introductory Course in Medicine in the Community for second and third-year medical students. Research opportunities will be available in Community Health Centre practices affiliated with the Department. Salary plus a medical loading of $A3,335.

30 May, 1975.

University of New South Wales

PROFESSOR OF LAW

Faculty of Law

Preference will be given to an applicant whose major interests are in the field of common law. The Faculty is now in its fifth year and is building up its staff as teaching commitments grow. The professor appointed will supervise and participate in teaching and examining undergraduate and postgraduate students in the Faculty and engage in and promote research and advanced study. Further information may be obtained from the Dean of the Faculty, Professor H. Whitmore, in the University.

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University of Aberdeen

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

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Applications with the names and addresses of two referees should be sent not later than 15 June, to Dr. E. J. Binyon, Department of Zoology (T).

MISCELLANEOUS FINANCIAL

SWISS BANK CORPORATION

Increase of Capital

At the 103rd Annual General Meeting held in Basle on the 3rd April, 1975, it was decided to increase the share capital of the Bank by the issue of 5,735,800 new registered shares of S.Frs.100.—each nominal at the price of S.Frs.58. (including withholding tax) and in the proportion of one new share for each share or participation certificate of S.Frs.100.—held. The new shares will rank for dividend from the 1st January, 1975. Although, in principle, holders of ordinary shares and of participation certificates as at the 3rd April, 1975, may take up their entitlement of the new registered shares, the Board of Directors reserves the right at its discretion and at all times to withhold registration.

Subscription rights can be exercised at any of the Swiss Offices of the Bank against Coupon No. 28 from the old shares or participation certificates. Subscription lists will be open from the 12th May until noon on the 13th June, 1975. Settlement is for 30th June, 1975.

Basle,
8th April 1975.

COMPANY NOTICES

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY LIMITED OF DENMARK

The Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at The Exchange, Copenhagen (Slotsholmsgade, Entrance B) on Wednesday, the 21st May, 1975, at 3 p.m. where the following business will be submitted:

1. Report of the Company's business during the past year.
2. Presentation of the Parent Company Accounts and Group Accounts.
3. Passing of the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet, and giving discharge to the Board of Directors and the Board of Management.
4. Approval of the proposed distribution of profit for the past financial year and of the proposed dividend.
5. Election to the Board of Directors.
6. Election of two Auditors for the current year.

From the 6th May, the Agenda, the proposals to be submitted to the General Meeting, the Company and Group Accounts, and the Auditors' Report, will be open to the inspection of the shareholders at the Company's offices. They will also be sent to all shareholders noted in the Company's register of shareholders. Cards of Admission may be obtained from the Company's offices (in London, 5 St. Helen's Place, not later than five days before the General Meeting) on shareholders proving their rights as such in accordance with Article 15 of the Articles of Association.

No director is employed under a contract of service either with the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of The Great Northern Telegraph Company, Limited, of Denmark.

COMPANY MEETING NOTICES

BRASCAN LIMITED
(Incorporated under the laws of Canada)

Notice is hereby given that the Annual and Special General Meeting of Shareholders of Brascan Limited will be held in the Ontario Room (Convention floor), Royal York Hotel, 100 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on Tuesday, June 3, 1975, at 11.00 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) for the following purposes:

1. to receive the report of the directors and the financial statements for the past fiscal year;
2. to elect directors;
3. to appoint auditors and authorize the directors to fix their remuneration;
4. to consider and if thought fit to sanction, with or without variation, By-law No. 33 enacted by the directors on March 25, 1975, being a by-law authorizing an application for supplementary letters patent;
5. to transact such further and other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Only registered shareholders of record at the close of business on May 5, 1975, and bearers of share warrants issued on or prior to that date who shall have deposited the same in the manner hereinafter mentioned will be entitled to vote or appoint a proxy to vote at the meeting. A proxy must be duly appointed by an instrument in writing deposited with the Secretary of the Company, Box 48, Commerce Court Postal Station, Toronto, Ontario, M5L 1B7, Canada, on or before May 30, 1975; subject, however, to the provisions hereinafter mentioned relating to the lodging of instruments of proxy by holders of Share Warrants to Bearer.

Holders of Share Warrants to Bearer who wish to attend and vote at the meeting must, on or before May 29, 1975, deposit their Share Warrants at any of the following offices:

In Canada, at the Head Office of the Company
Box 48,
Commerce Court Postal Station,
Toronto, Ontario, M5L 1B7.
In the United Kingdom, at the Company's agent in London, England.
Baring Brothers & Co., Limited,
88 Leadenhall Street,
London, EC3A 3DT.
In Belgium, Brussels, at Societe Generale de Banque S.A.,
3 Montagne du Parc.
Banque de Bruxelles, S.A.,
2 rue de la Regence.
Banque Degroof,
44 rue de l'Industrie.
Banque Lambert, S.C.S.,
24 Avenue Marnix.
Banque Nagelmackers Fils et Cie.,
12 Place de Louvain.
Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas Belgique, S.A.,
31 rue des Colonies.
Kredietbank, S.A.,
7 rue d'Arenberg.
Lloyds Bank International (Belgium), S.A.,
2-4 rue Royale.
In Luxembourg at
Banque Generale du Luxembourg, S.A.,
14 rue Aldringen,

in exchange for which there will be delivered to the depositor a receipt for the Share Warrants deposited and also a voting certificate in the prescribed form entitling him to attend and vote at the meeting in respect of the shares specified in the voting certificate in the same way as if he were a registered shareholder of the Company. Upon surrender of the said receipt given on the deposit of the Share Warrants, such Share Warrants will be returned after the meeting and any adjournments thereof.

There are certain United Kingdom Government regulations with which holders of Share Warrants to Bearer residing in the United Kingdom must comply before voting certificates can be issued to them and they are therefore advised to communicate immediately with the Company or with its said agent in England for information in this connection. Holders of Share Warrants to Bearer must also comply with any Government regulations in force in the country in which they reside.

Depositors of Share Warrants to Bearer who are unable to be present at the meeting in person may vote thereat by proxy, provided that the voting certificate issued in respect of such Share Warrants to Bearer and the instrument appointing such proxy are delivered to the Secretary of the Company, Box 48, Commerce Court Postal Station, Toronto, Ontario, M5L 1B7, Canada, or at any of the other aforesaid named offices in England, Belgium and Luxembourg on or before May 29, 1975 and provided that, in the event that voting certificates and instruments appointing proxies are lodged other than at the head office of the Company, notice of such lodgement shall have been received by the Company at its head office from any of the aforesaid offices in England, Belgium and Luxembourg on or before May 30, 1975. Voting certificates issued in respect of Share Warrants to Bearer will have a form of instrument appointing a proxy printed on the reverse side.

By Order of the Board,
L. A. ALLEN, Secretary.
Toronto, May 6th, 1975.

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DIRECTORSHIP of a modern est. thriving business for disposal due to ill health. T/O in excess of £150,000 p.a. and expanding. Only genuine enquiries please to Box 2094 M, The Times.

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An all cash restaurant take-away food business

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in top multiple position Hertfordshire area

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Box 2247 M, The Times

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For sale as going concern, catering for the young market in two lovely Sussex towns.

Both medium-sized shops on long leases and both with existing managers.

TURNOVER £150,000 PER ANNUM. GOOD PROFITS.

Business established 5 years.

Present owner seeks new challenge abroad and offers company for sale at reasonable premium in excess of £20,000.

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ROYAN—right in centre. Restaurant, cafe, bar. New equipment. Luxurious. Expanding turnover. For sale on account of departure. Coll. 66 rue René Boulanger, 75010 Paris. Tel. 208.20.88.

PUBLIC NOTICES

H.M. LAND REGISTRY
LOST CERTIFICATES

It is proposed to issue new Certificates in place of those described below that are stated by the owners to have been lost or destroyed. Anyone possessing the missing certificate or objecting to the issue of new ones should at once notify the appropriate District Land Registry shown below:—

THE CROYDON DISTRICT LAND REGISTRY
Sunley House, Bedford Park, Croydon, CR9 3LE

(1) Freehold Title No. LN187249 174 Barcombe Avenue, London, S.W.2.
Charge Certificate to The Solicitor, London Borough of Wandsworth, Municipal Buildings, London, S.W.18.
(2) Leasehold Title No. LN31157 287 Burntwood Lane, London, S.W.17.
Land Certificate to Messrs. Geo. H. Gibson & Co., 58-60 St. Johns Road, London, SW11 2QS.
(3) Freehold Title No. 353597 77 Atlantic Road, London, S.W.9.
Land Certificate to S. J. G. Smith, Director of Administration and Legal Services, Lambeth Town Hall, London, S.W.2.
(4) Freehold Title No. SY382190 108 Stanford Road, London, S.W.16.
Charge Certificate to Messrs. Muscatt, Nelson & Co., 2 Bentinck Street, London, W1A 4AT.
(5) Leasehold Title No. 445077 30 Odell Street, London, S.E.5.
Land Certificate to Director of Legal Services, Greater London Council, 30 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7SS.
(6) Leasehold Title No. 268851 14 Comerford Road, London, S.E.4.
Land Certificate to Messrs. James & Charles Dodd, 77 Lewisham High Street, London, SE13 5JY.
(7) Freehold Title No. 258801 21 Thorne Road, London, S.W.8.
Land Certificate to Messrs. Victor Mishcon & Co., 125 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6QP.
(8) Freehold Title No. 150101 24 Albacore Crescent, London, S.E.13.
Land Certificate to Messrs. Grey & Wright, 47-51 South Street, Lancing, Sussex, BN15 8AW.

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(1) Freehold Title No. LN98808 Land at back of 66, 70, 72, 90, 92 and 94 Lordship Road, London, N.16.
Land Certificate to Messrs. Alan Isaacs & Co., 16-17 Devonshire Square, London, EC2M 4SE.
(2) Freehold Title No. LN 90001 37 Ivor Place, London, N.W.1.
Land Certificate to Messrs. Wedlake Bell, 6 Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, London, WC2A 3YG.
(3) Freehold Title No. MX258671 11 Westerfield Road, London, N.15.
Land Certificate to Messrs. Slowes, 379 Hendon Way, London, NW4 3LP.
(4) Freehold Title No. 48513 60 Templar Road, London, E.9.
Land Certificate to Messrs. Gale & Phelps, Bank Chambers, 220 Stamford Hill, London, N16 6RD.
(5) Freehold Title No. LN198514 24 Oldfield Road, London, N.16.
Charge Certificate to Borough Solicitor, London Borough of Hackney, 219 Mare Street, London, E8 3QE.
(6) Freehold Title No. MX368304 7 Preston Park, London, N.3.
Charge Certificate to Barclays Bank Ltd., 234 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4QN.
(7) Freehold Title No. 140867 12 Hereford Road, London, W.2.
Land Certificate to Messrs. Tackley Fall & Read, 4 Bream's Buildings, Chancery Lane, London, EC4A 1HL.
(8) Freehold Title Nos. MX438034 and MX197876 41 Station Road, London, N.3, and 11 Muswell Road, London, N.10.
Land Certificates to Messrs. King-Hamilton & Green, Kingsgate House, 114-115 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6JN.
(9) Freehold Title No. 387203 127 Drummond Street, London, N.W.1.
Land Certificate to Messrs. Bernard Oberman & Co., Chancery House, 53-64 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1QZ.
(10) Leasehold Title No. 427737 19 Priory Road, London, N.W.6.
Land Certificate to Messrs. Louis Sellar & Co., 152 Commercial Street, London, E1 6NU.
(11) Leasehold Title No. MX156004 113 Bourne Hill, London, N.13.
Land Certificate to Messrs. Craigen Wilders & Sorrell, Lloyds Bank Chambers, 81 High Road, London, N.22.

THEODORE B. F. RUOFF,
Chief Land Registrar.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity—British Friends of SOS Childrens Villages. SCHEME for the alteration of the title of the Charity and the reconstruction of the body of trustees. Ref: 258071-A1-L1.

The Charity Commissioners propose to establish a SCHEME for this and other purposes. Copies of the proposed SCHEME will be supplied on written request to the Charity Commission, 14 Ryder Street, London, S.W.1, quoting the reference above, and may also be seen at that address.

Objections and suggestions may be sent to the Commissioners within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charities—1. Bishop's College Endowment Fund, Calcutta. 2. Dean's Scholarship, Calcutta. 3. Powerscourt Scholarship, Calcutta. Scheme transferring the corpus of the funds.
Ref.: 234518-A20-L1.

The Charity Commissioners PROPOSE to ESTABLISH A SCHEME for this and other purposes. Copies of the proposed Scheme will be supplied on written request to the Charity Commission, 14 Ryder Street, London, SW1, quoting the reference above, and may also be seen at that address.

Objections and suggestions may be sent to the Commissioners within one month from today.

Notice is hereby given that Mr LAMBROS VERGOTTIS of 61 John Trundle Court, Barbican, EC2, is applying to the Home Secretary for naturalisation and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Nationality Division), Lunar House, 40 Wellesley Road, Croydon CR9 2BY.

CONSTANT & CONSTANT,
Solicitors for the Applicant.

LEGAL NOTICES
also on page 11

No. 001380 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matter of SHERATON SECURITIES Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 21st day of April 1975 presented to the said Court by Hewitt & Partners Limited whose registered office is at 16 Golden Square, London, W.1 and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, W.C.2, on the 19th day of May 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

VICTOR MISHCON & CO., 125 High Holborn, London WC1V 6QP.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 16th day of May 1975.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of FORVENT Limited Nature of Business: Heating & ventilation engineers

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 21st April 1975

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 20th May 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock

CONTRIBUTORIES On the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock

N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

Secretarial and General Appointments also on pages 24 and 25

SECRETARIAL

GOLDEN GIRL

INTERNATIONAL MINING COMPANY IN MAYFAIR

requires an *experienced, intelligent, personable* Secretary/PA (24-30ish) for Managing Director, who travels for most of the year. *Fast shorthand* and accurate typing are essentials, also ability to work unflustered under pressure. If you have all these qualities, and would like to work in a small office opposite Green Park Tube, with flexible lunch hours, LVs and around £2,500, call Dee on 01-499 7124.

SECRETARY/RESEARCHER

AMERICAN TELEVISION NEWS BUREAU

. . . seeks diligent, resourceful young woman adept at making arrangements, digging out facts and generally assisting correspondents and crews in addition to usual duties requiring good secretarial skills (shorthand not necessary).

Salary £2,340 p.a. fringe benefits.

Write Box 2375 M, The Times.

FILM CO, SW1
PA/SEC c. £2,750

Small, but successful film distribution company working from luxury company flat in Belgravia seek lively and intelligent, young PA/Sec for their American Managing Director. Secretarial skills must be good, as there is a lot to do and little time to do it (!). Small staff of 6, team atmosphere and the chance to make a job for yourself.

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01-491 7108.

HELP A SMALL
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First class opportunity for a Secretary/Assistant to work in the film section of an arts department, helping with film promotions and distribution plus normal duties, alongside friendly executive. Very interesting post. Excellent salary and perks. Miss Gordon, CHALLONERS, 91 Regent St, W1. 734 9476.

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242 2691
Miss Young

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33 High Holborn, London WC2

THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND is looking for an exceptional Secretary who wishes to considerably reduce the shorthand typing content of her day's work and become involved in administration with room to use her own initiative. Excellent salary and pleasant modern offices in Stockwell. If you're looking for an interesting and involving appointment please telephone Sirena Davies, 01-582 1414, ext 31.

EXCITING EXPLORATION division of major oil co. seeks high-level Secretary. Organise own section, entertain clients, confidential reports. Subsidised restaurant, 4 weeks' holidays, £2,500, RAND, 733 7625.

FAMOUS PROPERTY developers Finance Director seeks Sec. for modern offices, S.W.1. Super cheap meals, 4 weeks' holidays, £2,200, RAND, 727 0105.

WEB-FOOTED RIGHT HAND wanted for General Manager of offshore Oil Co. Organised Sec. for busy W.2 offices, 4 weeks holidays, L.V.'s, £2,500. RAND. 723 7625.

AMERICAN LAWYERS at St. Paul's require Shorthand Secretary for partner in prestige offices. 21-30 pref. £2,400. Gee's Recruitment, 499 6101-4.

GOOD FRENCH? £3,000 for Secretary with usable French. Super Co. Margery Hurst Centre, 499 6835.

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FRENCH LANGUAGE? Constructive assistance will be given to Secretaries looking for jobs in Fashion, Finance and Law. Telephone Richard de Courtenay or Kit Aston-James, Euro Consultants International, 73 Newman Street, W.1. 636 1454 (24 hrs).

SPANISH OR ITALIAN (English mother-tongue). Three widely diverse jobs: (1) A personal, private Secretary with good taste and considerable discernment (2) A well-paid Secretarial post in Banking & (3) For a Secretary interested in Commodity Broking in South America. Telephone Kit Aston-James or Richard de Courtnay, Euro Consultants International, 73 Newman Street, W.1. 636 1454 (24 hours).

DYNAMIC ORGANISING Secretary, Membership Dept., required by Jewish Womens' Organisation. Challenging opportunity, 4½-day week.—Miss Rosenblatt, 01-486 2691.

CAREER GIRL would like to meet intelligent women with sound secretarial experience for interesting temporary assignments in the West End and City. Call Manola Webb, 493 8092, Career Girl, 13-14 New Bond St.

SUPERVISOR required for Students' Model Office in large Secretarial College in Hampstead. Impeccable secretarial qualifications and good commercial knowledge essential. Aged 25-55. Excellent conditions and generous holiday entitlement.—Telephone Director of Training. 01-435 9831.

LEGAL NOTICES

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of L. P. ENVIRONMENTAL Limited Nature of Business: Promotors of conferences and exhibitions

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 14th April 1975

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 20th May 1975, at Room 239 Templar House 81 High Holborn London WC1V 6NP at 11.00 o'clock

CONTRIBUTORIES On the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

GOOD ORGANIZER?

Secretary/Personal Assistant required for Management of small Insurance Company, located in EC3 in attractive, modern office. Excellent secretarial skills, tact and initiative essential. Aged 25 plus. Salary to £2,500 p.a. L.V.s. non-contributory pension and medical insurance. 3 weeks' holiday.

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LONDON CAREERS
01-794 0202

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TELEPHONE 730 7152 FOR FURTHER DETAILS

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RING 01-749 2929 RIGHT NOW!

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HEY-DING-A-DING—Sweet Guiness Temps love the spring—with special assignments, top rates, and our ever-loving care. We need you! Joyce Guiness Bureau, 21 Brompton Arcade, Brompton Road, Knightsbridge, S.W.3. 01-589 8807.

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THINK you could be a management consultant? That's the prospect for a Secretary/P.A. with leading W.1 executive selection co. £2,500. RAND. 493 2021.

LEGAL SECRETARY for Director of well-known City company. £2,500 plus lots of fringe benefits. Ring Lyn Cecil of Secretaries Plus, 283 3148.

TEMPORARY SECRETARY required by leading London hospital for 3 weeks £47 p.w. Contact Curzon Bureau. 493 8854.

CRIMINAL LAWYER, Victoria, needs Secretary with good shorthand. Salary negotiable.—Please ring 834 3335/5135.

EXPERIENCED SECRETARY, first-class English and good German, required for marketing consultant in Bloomsbury office of Der Spiegel. Previous contact with publishing, marketing, advertising or public relations might help. Please phone Harry Bohrer on 580 5055.

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, S.W.1, require mature woman, part-time, to run office.—The National Birthday Trust, 57 Lower Belgrave Street SW1W 0LR.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY (half-time) required by charitable trust (London SW7) concerned with education, the arts and architecture; first class typing essential, shorthand desirable. Salary £1,500 p.a. or by arrangement. Box 2363 M, The Times.

TEMP. SECRETARY—Start today at this international film co., W.1. £1.50 per hr. Long/short term.—836 5924. Job Shop.

SECRETARY/PA

Secretary/P.A., aged 28-40, needed to organize busy young Partner of large firm of W.C.2 Solicitors.

Good personality and administrative experience essential.

Whilst some legal knowledge would be an asset, *good shorthand and typing* and the ability to work on own initiative are important.

Salary for the right applicant could be in the region of £2,400.

Hours 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Write with curriculum vitae to:
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She'll need sufficient personal experience to accept a high level of delegated responsibility, outstanding secretarial skills, management liaison capability—plus the ability to converse and correspond in proficient German.

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We offer a salary up to £2,500 depending on experience together with L.V.s, canteen facilities and minimum three weeks' holiday.

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needs an efficient
P.A./SECRETARY

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of the television world.

Must be capable of handling numerous responsibilities and feel at ease when meeting important people.

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Secretary required, 21 plus, for Partner in medium sized practice. Shorthand and some audio essential. Up to £2,400 and L.V.s.

TELEPHONE
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01-935 7744.

ARE YOU A FOUR DAY WONDER!

No shorthand necessary. Good command of English language and ability to deal with all sorts of problems within a sparkling fashion store, W.1 area. Around £2,000.
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01-408 2412/2415/2499.

SECRETARY/P.A. (with shorthand) required to assist Personnel Officer of progressive West End Insurance Company. Ideal opportunity for career-minded girl aged up to 30 who must be adaptable and capable of using own initiative, maintaining staff records, dealing with agencies etc. Excellent working conditions. Hours 9.15-4.45 Monday-Friday. Write or telephone Miss Wakelen, Personnel Officer, Medical Sickness Society, 7-10 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London W1A 2LN, 01-636 1686.

TEMPS! Do you live near Queensway, Bayswater? Are you an experienced, competent sec., with good skills? If so I need you to start work for an International company in this area next week. £1.50 per hr.—London Town Bureau, 836 1994.

HOTEL MARKETING MANAGER requires young Secretary, preferably with some marketing, advertising or sales experience. A good deal of contact with clients and guests. Free meals £2,250. —Ring Bond St. Bureau 499 1558.

FAMOUS TRAVEL COMPANY, W.1, requires temporary secretaries and typists. Reasonable speeds, long term bookings. Prospect Temps Ltd., 629 1200 or 629 1331.

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£2,700-£3,000

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TODAY AT CHALLONERS

Secretarial and General Appointments also on page 23

GENERAL

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Salary £2,400

To work principally as assistant to the Editor on the monthly journal, newsletter and other publications, and to deal with press enquiries. *Should be graduate with good journalistic-editorial experience* and ability to work under pressure.

Please write or telephone for application form to
The Editor, Royal Town Planning Institute,
26 Portland Place, W1N 4BE. 01-636 9107.

PART-TIME EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

To work on Monthly Journal and publications in small and lively editorial department. Preferably graduate with editorial experience. Salary by negotiation.

Please telephone for interview Maureen Miller,
01-636 9107

PART-TIME SWITCHBOARD STAFF

Would you like to work for only two weeks in each month in our modern offices in Kensington? Applications are invited from G.P.O. trained women under the age of 45, with recent experience of switchboard work to operate a PABX 7. She must be willing to assist with a variety of clerical duties on a two weeks on, two weeks off basis.

Salary at least £34.00 per week + L.V.'s. Hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday.

For an early interview in London, please telephone

Mrs. Illingworth at
Guildford (0483) 71255

Reversing the charge.

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£2,000 NEGOTIABLE

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DO YOU WANT A CHALLENGE?
INTERVIEWER

For small, well-established *Recruitment Consultancy* in SW3. Ideally you'll be over 21, cool, calm and collected with several years' commercial experience, the ability to relate to people's needs, a quick mind and determination. If you would like to work on your own initiative, but as part of a team, telephone *Fiona* Stephens on 01-583 5618.

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Male/Female
Age 21+
To £2,500.

Interesting and varied job meeting and interviewing people. *Excellent opportunity and prospects* of becoming a manager in this near future. Salary for managers at present £3,000+. Very good bonuses.

Ring Jackie Saunders
278 3233

FASHION—£5,000

(1) Deputy Manageress (3) £2,500 + *Many* tax-saving benefits West End, Kensington, Richmond.
(2) £2,500-£3,000 as Trainee *General Manager, rising* to £7,000 p.a. within 12 months. Must have West End retail store experience.

Apply Joan Fernie Personnel,
113 Park Street, W.1.
Preferably by appointment.
01-408 2413 2415 2499

Oxford University Press

Humanities and social sciences editor in Oxford requires enthusiastic, capable personal secretary to assist with a wide range of publishing procedures as well as coping with all normal secretarial duties. Salary scale £1,783-£2,277; *point of entry* according to age, qualifications and experience. Please apply in writing to The Personnel Department (CRB), Oxford University Press, Walton Street, Oxford OX2 6DP.

£3,000
SENIOR CASHIER

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Please call Beth Cleland, 01-434 1365, Abbey Personnel Consultants, 181 Oxford St., W.1.

PUBLISHING

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ANTIQUES
PART-TIME

Personable young woman enthusiast to assist Kensington business specialising in 18th century, particularly porcelain. *Occasional typing.*

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01-229 5516

CHRISTIAN DIOR, LONDON

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2.00 pm, House-oms. 3.00, Randall 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Father Gets Home. 6.00, Report. Anglia ds. 7.00, Cartoon. and Wife. 9.00, Reflection.

BBC 2

6.40-7.55 am, Open University*: The Victorian Reading Public; 7.05, Maths—Differential equations; 7.30, Mechanics—Rigid Bodies. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 2.00-4.00 pm, Racing from Chester. 5.00, Open University*: Pure Maths—Topology; 5.25, Faraday and Electromagnetism; 5.50, Computing: Noughts and Crosses; 6.15, Environment. 6.40, Managing to Survive: programme 5, A New Investment Deal. 7.05, Open University*: Chemical Reactions (2).

7.30 Newsday.
7.45 The Book Programme.
8.10 Je Suis Hopeful: The theatre of Jean-Louis Barrault.
9.00 Film, Hugo and Josefin, with Fredrik Becklen, Marie Ohman.
10.20 Georges Brassens sings.
10.45 News Extra.
11.15 Closedown: Bernard Hepton reads Adlestrop by Edward Thomas.

Yorkshire

12.00, Thames. 3.00 pm, The Japanese Experience. 3.55, Thames. 5.20, The Addams Family. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Now Who Do You Do? 7.30, Cartoon. 7.35, McCloud. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, You and Your Golf.

Border

12.00, Thames. 2.00 pm, Houseparty. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, The Japanese Experience. 3.55, Thames. 5.20, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.25, Crossroads. 7.00, Mr and Mrs. 7.30, Cartoon. 7.35, Mystery Movie. 9.00, Thames. 12.00, Border News.

Grampian

12.00, Thames. 2.00 pm, Houseparty. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, Randall and Hopkirk. 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Shang a Lang. 5.50, News. 6.00, Grampian News. 6.10, Anna, and the King. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Jim MacLeod. 7.30, Cartoon. 7.35, McCloud. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, Evening Prayers.

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12.00, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, The Japanese Experience. 3.55, Thames. 5.20, The Addams Family. 5.50, News. 6.00, Today at Six. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, New Who Do You Do. 7.30, Cartoon. 7.35, McCloud. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, Late News Extra. 11.35, Thursday is Ascension Day.

Ulster

12.00 pm, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 5.50, News. 6.00, UTV Reports. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Bridget Loves Bernie. 7.30, Easy Money with Dennis Price, Jack Warner, Petula Clark. 9.00, Thames.

Thames

12.00, Pipkins. 12.15 pm, King Wilbur III. 12.30, West-country Fare. 1.00, First Report. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Emmerdale Farm. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, Pathfinders. 3.55, There Goes That Song Again. 4.25, Shang a Lang. 4.50, How. 5.20, The Flintstones.

5.50, News.
6.00 Today.
6.25 Crossroads.
6.50 *Film*: Mister Moses, with Robert Mitchum, Carroll Baker.
9.00 Edward the Seventh.
10.00 News.
10.30 Documentary: To be Seven in Belfast . . .
11.30 Checkmate.
12.00 Ideas in Print.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 3.00, The Judy Garland Show.* 3.55, Thames. 5.15, Chuckleheads. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.35, University Challenge. 7.05, Here's Lucy. 7.35, Film, Man of Many Faces, with Tony Musanti, Susan Strasberg. 9.00, *Thames*. 11.30, Wrestling.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 2.00 pm, Houseparty. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, Peggy Fleming Visits the Soviet Union. 3.55, Thames. 5.20, *Dodo*. 5.25, *Crossroads*. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.45, University Challenge. 7.15, Film, Kid Galahad, with Elvis Presley, Gig Young, Lola Albright. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, Wrestling. 12.15 am, Southern News Extra. 12.25, Weather. Guideline.

ATV

12.00, Thames. 3.00 pm, The *Saint*.* 3.55, *Thames*. 5.20, The Partridge Family. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Cartoon. 7.10, Brock's Last Case. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, The Twilight Zone.

Scottish

12.00 pm, Thames. 2.00, Housecall. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, Jason King. 3.55, Thames. 4.25, Elephant Boy. 4.50, How. 5.20, Professor Kitzel. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, *University Challenge*. 7.00, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 7.30, Film: Gorilla At Large with Cameron Mitchell, Anne Bancroft, Lee J. Cobb. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, Late Call. 11.35, Wrestling.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. 6.02, Simon Bates.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 12.30 pm, Newsbeat. 2.02, David Hamilton.† 5.00, Newsbeat. 5.15, Alan Freeman. 7.02, Beat the Record. 7.32, Sing Something Simple.† 8.02, George Martin.† 9.02, The Impresarios: George Black. 10.02, Sport. 10.05, Colin Berry. 12.31 am, News.

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6.00 am, As Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan.† 9.02-11.30, Pete Murray.† (10.30, Waggoners' Walk.) 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 1.50, Cricket Scoreboard. 2.02, David Hamilton.† 5.02, Waggoners' Walk. 5.17, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, Beat the Record. 7.30, Cricket Scoreboard. 7.32, As Radio 1.

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7.00 am, News. 7.05, Albrechtsberger, Rameau, Abel.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Tomasek, Honegger.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Scarlatti, Boccherini. 9.45, Mozart, Haydn.† 10.45, Mendelssohn's piano music.† 11.35, Psalm settings from northern Europe.† 12.10 pm, Concert, Mozart, Walton.† 1.00, News. 1.05, The Arts Worldwide. 1.20, Concert, part 2: Beethoven, Hindemith.† 2.05, Buxton Orr, Tony Oxley, Barry Guy.† 3.25, Melody.† 4.25, Beethoven: Chamber Music, String Quartet in F minor, Op 95.† 4.55, Jazz Today.† 5.25, Pied Piper.† 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, Study on 3. 6.30, Living Decisions, part 24: Thinking in Action: Mrs Spencer's Solutions. 7.00, The Nature of Violence, part 7: Terrorism. 7.30, Mozart: Piano Concerto, No 19.† 8.00, Jacob Bronowski, programme 2: Trouble about Light. 8.20, Mozart, part 2: Requiem.† 9.30, Conversation with a Cupboard Man, with Robert Powell, Christopher Benjamin.† 10.20, Georges Enesco plays Bach. 10.55, Jazz in Britain.† 11.25, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming Today. 6.40, Prayer for the Day. 6.45, Today. 6.55, Weather and programme news. 7.00, News. 7.27, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45-7.50, Thought for the Day. 7.55, Weather and programme news. 8.00, News. 8.27, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Tuesday Call. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. Fourpence will get you anywhere. 11.00, News. 11.05, Celebration. Leonard Sachs. 11.45, James Cameron. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Dad's Army. 12.55, Weather.

1.00, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Broome Stages, part 7: Edmund Broome and Sons. 4.00, News. 4.05, Gardeners' Question Time. 4.35, Story, The Cave under the Water, part 2. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.50, Financial Report. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, My Music.† 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, As Radio 3. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime, The Mill on the Floss, part 12. 11.00, Financial World. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.30, News. 11.51, Inshore forecast.

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ADLINGTON.—On May 3rd, at Treliske Hospital, Truro, Cornwall, to Carolyn (née Bromley) and Jonathan Adlington—a daughter.

BOWHILL.—On 4th May, to Barry and Carol (née Thavenot)—a son (Toby).

BROWNHILL.—On May 3rd, at St. Mary's Hospital, W.2, to Carolyn and Roger—a daughter (Annabel Jane).

CHURCHILL.—On May 3rd, 1975, in Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, to Ann (née Humphries) and Lawrence—a daughter (Emma Jane), a sister for Andrew Mark.

DAVIES.—On May 5th, at St David's Hospital, Cardiff, to Josephine and Iolo Davies (now of 24 Cwm Ant, Llandaf, Aberystwyth)—a son.

ESPENHAHN.—On May 2nd, to Fiona (née Young) and Peter Espenhahn—a daughter (Caroline Mary).

FINDLATER.—On 3rd May, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Rosemary and Patrick—a daughter (Emily Mary).

FITCHETT.—On May 3rd, at The Middlesex Hospital, to Gina (née Lewis) and David—a daughter (Elizabeth Nora), a sister for Alexandra.

FORTIN.—On 1st May, to Jane and Richard—a daughter, a sister for Abigail.

GIBSON.—On April 30th, to Bryony (née Ellis) and Tony Gibson—a fourth son (Anthony Daniel).

GREENWAY.—On May 5th, 1975, at Westminster Hospital, to Carol (née Hooper) and Harry Greenway—a son (Mark Harry John), a brother for Elizabeth and Eveline.

HARRIS.—On May 3rd, 1975, at Hertford County Hospital, to Elizabeth (née Doel) and Jonathan—a son.

HOLFORD.—On May 3rd, to Jane (née Burton) and John Holford—a daughter (Elizabeth Alice).

LINDOP.—On May 2nd, to Jenny (née Quass) and Norman—a son (Matthew Richard Thomas).

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MICHALACOPOULOS.—On 4th May, 1975, to Janet (née Robson) and Michael—a son.

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PAKENHAM.—On May 4th, at noon, in St. Mary's, Paddington, to Kevin and Ruth (née Jackson)—a daughter (Kate).

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MOSS : WILLIAMS.—On 3rd May, 1975, at The Priory, Monk Sherborne, Simon James, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. G. Moss of Maplecombe, Coombe Hill Rd., Kingston, to Christine Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. N. Williams of Pinewoods, Pamber Heath, Hants.

DEATHS

ALEXANDER.—On May 4th, peacefully in hospital, Kathleen Nairne Alexander, of Seal, Kent. Much loved sister, aunt, great aunt and friend. Funeral service on Saturday, 10th May, at 11 a.m., at Seal Church.

BACON.—On May 4th, 1975, Ernest Frederick Bacon, aged 85 years, dearly loved by all his family. Late Local Government Service in Education in Norfolk. Funeral service, St. Alban's Church, Norwich, Thursday, May 8th, at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Cancer Research, c/o The Manager, Lloyds Bank, The Walk, Norwich.

BANKS, MAUD EVELYN, of Malt House Cottage, Church Way, Iffley, Oxford, passed peacefully away on May 4th, aged 90 years. Funeral service at Iffley Church on Wednesday, May 7th, 11.15 a.m. Floral tributes to Bromley & Son, Iffley, Oxford, by 10 a.m.

BOLTON.—On May 2, 1975, in her 87th year at a Dorking Nursing Home, Nellie, widow of William George Bolton, Master Mariner and mother of Edna.

BROMAGE.—On May 5th at Ashburton Hospital, aged 79, Phyllis, widow of James Vincent Bennett Baikes Bromage, daughter of the late Kenneth and Laetitia Hawksley, mother of Ralph, Nigel and Kenneth, Stepmother of Anne, Isabel, James and John. Requiem at Buckfast Abbey on Friday, May 9th, at 3 p.m. The 10.30 a.m. train from Paddington will be met at Newton Abbot on request (Tel.: Poundsgate 280). No flowers. Donations to cancer research, please.

DENHAM.—On May 3rd, 1975, at Ford Place, Wrotham Heath, Kent, Andrew, dearly loved younger son of Shena and Keith Denham. Service at St George's Church, Wrotham, on Thursday, May 8th, at 11 a.m., followed by private interment at Chislehurst.

DRACOPOLI.—On 2nd May (his 85th birthday) John Chance of Great Bricett, near Ipswich, after a short illness at Anglesea Rd. Hospital, Ipswich. Husband of Suzanne and father of Michael. Cremation at Ipswich on Wednesday, 7th May, at 11.00 a.m. Enquiries to Singleton, Hastings Funeral Service, Berners St., Ipswich (telephone 0473 52544).

EVERETT.—On May 1st, 1975, Richard, of Frogs Garden, Boarshead, Crowborough, husband, father and grandfather, the dearest of the dear. Cremation private. Enquiries and flowers to R. W. Weekes Ltd., Tunbridge Wells, 30222. Memorial service in Rotherfield Church, on Thursday, 15th May, at 2.30 p.m.

GRUENBAUM. DR HEINZ.—On 29th April, 1975, passed peacefully away in Zurich. Funeral tomorrow, Wed., 7th May, at 11.15 a.m., at Jewish Cemetery, Hoop Lane, Golders Green, NW11.

HARE.—On 2nd May, peacefully at 21A The Close, Salisbury, Wilts Katharine Dora, dearly loved eldest daughter of the late Edward Rowe of Cape Town, South Africa. Loving wife of the late Col. John Hare, O.B.E., R.A.M.C. and beloved mother of John (killed in action), Richard, David and Gillian. Funeral private May 9th. Flowers may be sent to W. Case & Partners, Churchfields, Salisbury.

HERIOT.—On May 3rd, 1975, Martin Robert Heriot of Anmoch House, Lewes, Sussex, dearly loved husband of Peggy and brother of Nigel. Service at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Rd., Brighton, on Wednesday, May 7th at 1.30 p.m. No letters, please, but donations if desired to the Lewis Victoria Hospital League of Friends.

HEWETT, STANLEY. Aged 49. Suddenly, on Thursday, 1st May, 1975. Strictly private cremation on Thursday, 8th May, with no flowers. Those who would have wished to send flowers are asked to send a donation to the National Society for Autistic Children. A memorial meeting is to be arranged, and the date to be announced shortly. Sheila, John, and Mary.

HOBSON.—On April 23rd at Harrogate Hospital, Lt.-Col. Joseph Edward Hobson, late Royal Corps of Signals, beloved husband of Phyllis Muriel Hobson. Cremation took place on April 25th.

MANSON.—On May 4th, 1975, peacefully, Neville Borrodaile Manson, M.B.E., aged 86, of Curlews, Bestwall, Wareham, Dorset, beloved husband of Maud, and father of Bob. Funeral private. No flowers please, but donations for the North East London Army Cadet Force may be sent to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge, Funeral Home, Bournemouth.

MAXSE.—On May 3rd, peacefully, after a long illness at St. George's Retreat, Burgess Hill, Sarah Algeria Marjorie Maxse, D.B.E., of Court House, Barcombe, Lewes. Memorial service at Barcombe parish church, at 12 noon, on Thursday, May 8th, followed by a private cremation. No flowers, by her express wish.

MILFORD.—On April 30th, 1975, tragically in a road accident, Dr Edgar Paul Milford (formerly Do Egon Gruenhut). Deeply missed by his wife Alice, sons Robert and Alan, his sister Trude Falkenstein and cousins and clients. May he rest in peace.

PETTER.—On May 1st, 1975, Beatrice Mary, widow of Guy Bazeley Petter. Service, West London Crematorium, Kensal Green, Monday, May 12th, 2.15 p.m. No flowers or letters, please. Enquiries to Lloyds Bank, West End Trust Branch, 16 St. James's St., S.W.1.

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POLE.—On May 4th, 1975, at a Bournemouth nursing home, Kathleen, aged 81 years, dearly beloved wife of Edmund George and mother of Bill. Cremation at Bournemouth on Thursday, May 8th, at 10.30 a.m. Family flowers only, please.

RADCLIFFE, MICHAEL ANTHONY. On May 5th in London. Funeral private.

RIDDLE.—Anne Marie (née Bozec) on 4th May, wife of Alexander Browne Riddle, 47M Queensgate, Kensington, London SW7 5JN.

ROBINSON.—On May 4th, 1975, peacefully, at home, Sir M. Arnet Robinson, of White Gables, Hoylake. Beloved husband of Betty and father of Diana, Roger and Nigel. Service at St Hildeburgh's Church, Hoylake, on Wednesday, May 7th at 1.45 p.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

SCOTT.—On 3rd May, 1975, suddenly in hospital following a heart attack, E. F. Scott (Jim), aged 69, dearly loved husband of Elsie Victoria (née Mulvey), of 17 Green Curve, Banstead, Surrey. Family flowers only. If desired, gifts please to the Musicians Benevolent Fund, 16 Ogle Street, London, W.1. Funeral service, All Saints Church, Banstead, Thursday, May 8th, at 3.30 p.m.

SHELLEY.—On April 28, 1975, Herbert John, C.B., O.B.E., aged 80 years, after a short illness in the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

SIMPSON.—On 4th May, Maud, widow of George Thornton Simpson, of Papplewick, Notts., suddenly at Nottingham General Hospital. Cremation private, Mansfield Crematorium, Friday, 9th May, 10.30 a.m., followed by memorial service at Papplewick Church, 11 a.m.

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STEPHENS.—On May 4th, suddenly at home, Farrar's, 28 Pemberley Avenue, Bedford, Michael, aged 55, devoted husband of Angela, father of Margaret, father-in-law of Douglas, youngest son of Mrs Margaret Stephens and the late Rev. A. T. Stephens, formerly of Shepton Beauchamp, and brother of Wilson. Funeral service at Bedford School Chapel at 11.15 on Thursday, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to the Bedford School Trust (special grants).

VALENTINE.—On May 3rd, 1975, peacefully in hospital, Joan (née Hodder), of 3 Chaucer Court, Ewelme, Oxfordshire, dear wife of Martin and mother of Jonathan, Sally, Thomas and Mary.

WARLEIGH.—On May 3rd, 1975, Irene Marion Gladys, peacefully at Mynehead Court, Wellington, aged 68 years. Funeral at Monk Silver Parish Church, on Thursday, 8th May, at 2 p.m. Cut flowers only.

WOODS.—On May 4th, 1975, peacefully at St. David's Nursing Home, Sheringham, Colonel Alexander Woods, M.B.E., T.D., D.L., of 8 Bickenhall Mansions, Gloucester Place, London, aged 84 years. A beloved father, grandfather and great grandfather. Cremation at Marylebone Crematorium on Friday, May 9th, at 2.0 p.m. Family flowers only, please.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

COPE.—A memorial Service for Dr Cuthbert L. Cope, late Reader in Medicine at The Royal Postgraduate Medical School, will be held at St. Peter's Church, Vere Street, London, W1, on Monday, 19th May at 12.00 noon.

TERTIS, LIONEL. A service of thanksgiving for the life and work for music of Lionel Tertis, C.B.E., will be held at St. Sepulchre's Church, Holborn Viaduct, E.C.1 on Thursday, 12 May at 12 noon.

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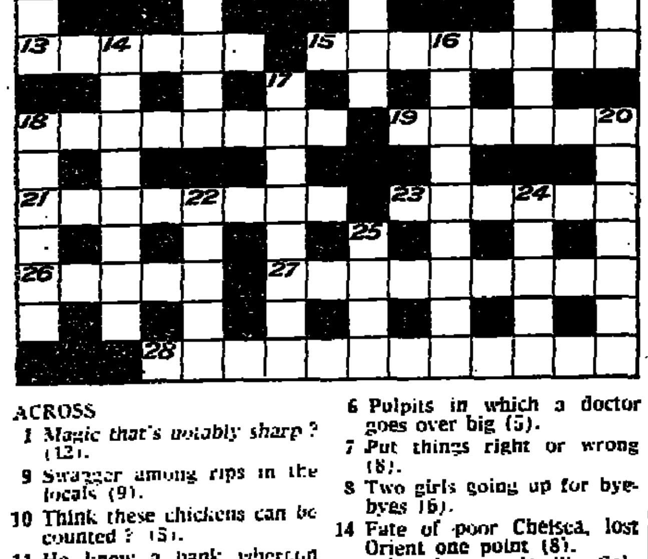
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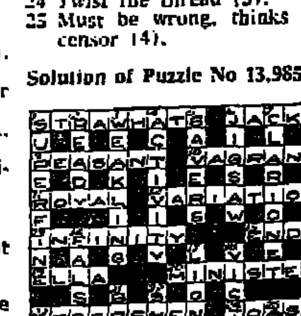
ACROSS

1 Magic that's notably sharp ? (12).
9 Swagger among rips in the locals (9).
10 Think these chickens can be counted ? (5).
11 He knew a bank whereon the wild thyme blew (6).
12 Perhaps it greets a prole Parisienne (8).
13 Screw point in connexion with wings (6).
15 Votary gets on and flourishes (8).
18 Getting a suitable answer (8).
19 Feel for a name (6).
21 Means—oh, hail storms (8).
23 A well-bred maggot ? (5).
26 Suppose 'e's after the offer of a lift (5).
27 Requiring to be called back, sound as a bell (9).
28 Matilda, Munchausen, Tusitala and Co (5-7).

DOWN

1 Like getting one's head cut off (Tweedledee) (7).
2 Beat—with stick ? (5).
3 A grim road devised for one playing at home (9).
4 Is not unacceptable in polite society (4).
5 How to get from Putney to Mortlake (8).
6 Pulpits in which a doctor goes over big (5).
7 Put things right or wrong (8).
8 Two girls going up for byebyes (6).
14 Fate of poor Chelsea, lost Orient one point (8).
16 Infernal renegade, like Cain in regard to Abel (9).
17 Father, and odd companion in curious green ? (8).
18 Head stuffed with business, that's Hill (6).
20 Issues to join, in two directions (7).
22 Liquor—right lively (5).
24 Twist the thread (5).
25 Must be wrong, thinks the censor (4).

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